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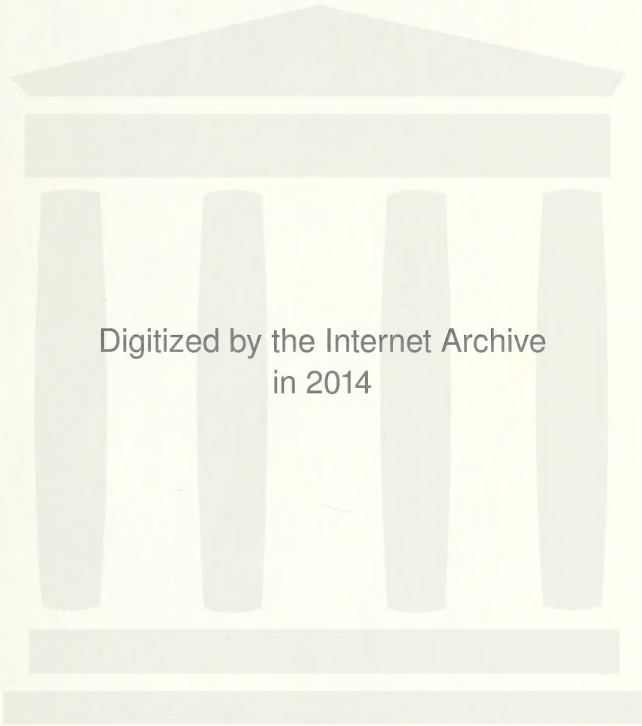
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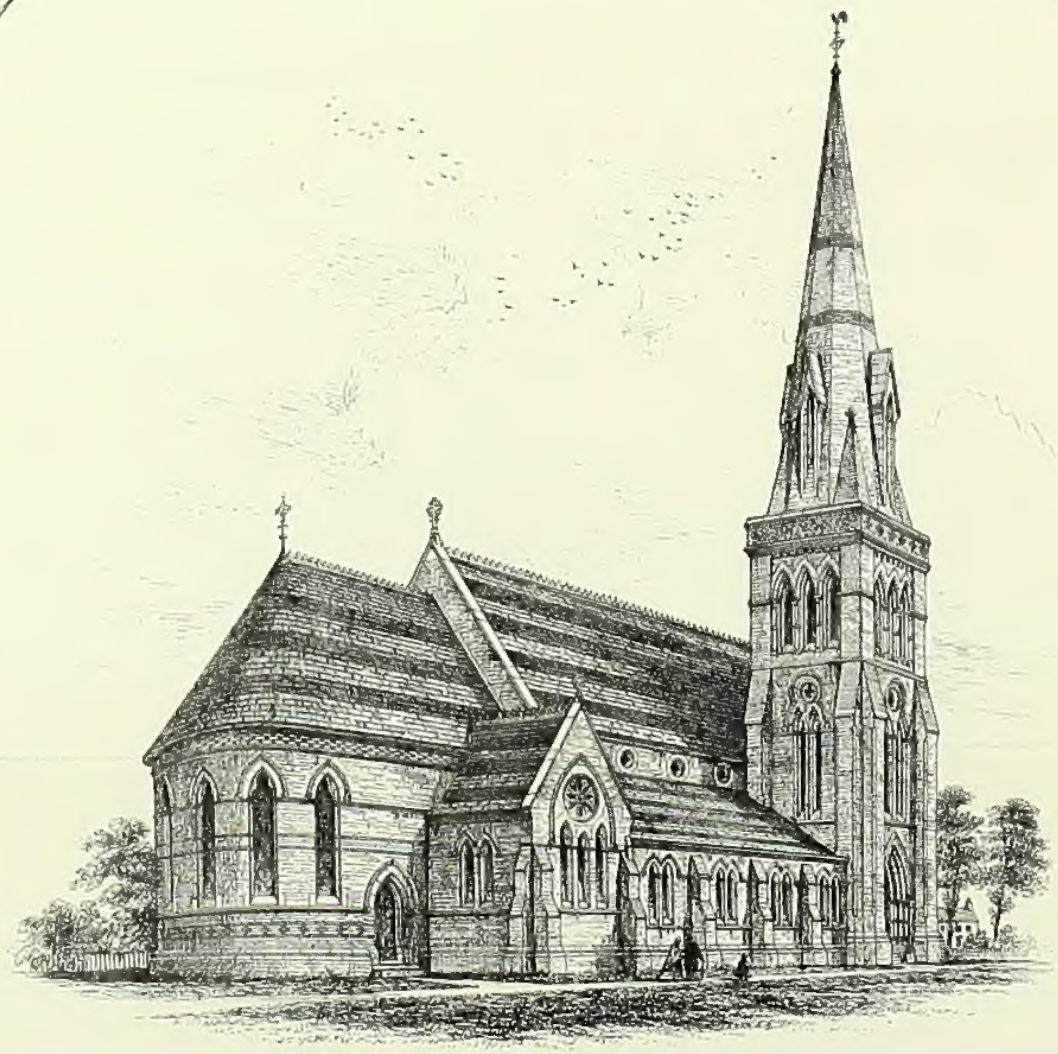

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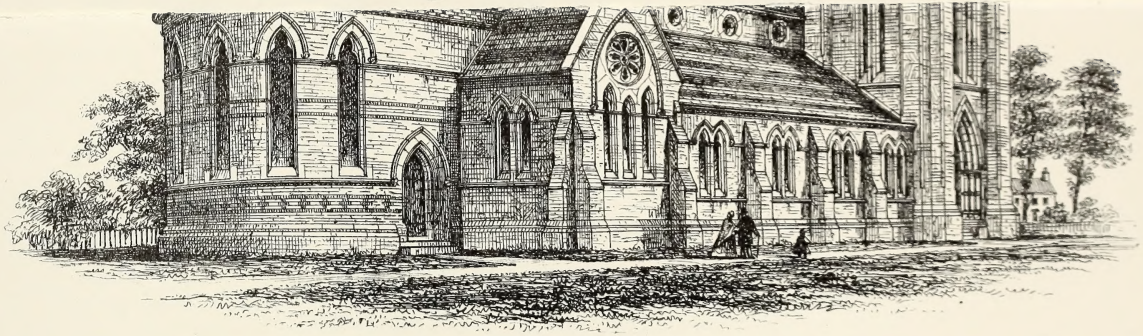

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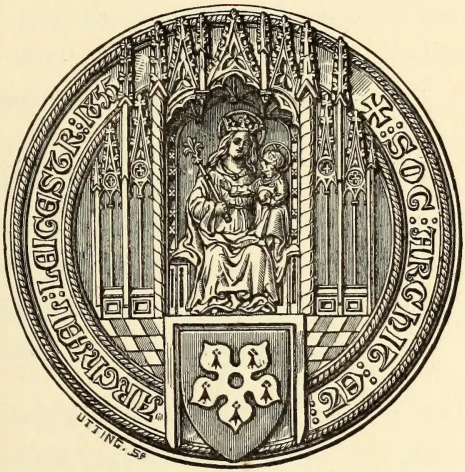

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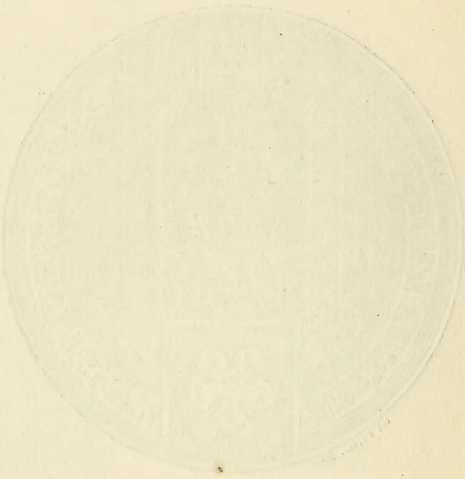

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PREFACE.

THE present part contains the Transactions of the Society during the years 1882 and 1883. The late Mr. Thomas North, F.S.A., who was Honorary Secretary of the Society for upwards of twenty-three years, carefully edited the first five volumes of the Transactions, extending from the commencement of the Society's existence to the close of the year 1881. After his lamented death, which happened on the 27th February, 1884, I was appointed Editorial Secretary. It is only right to state that Mr. North left the papers which compose this present part, partly ready for the press, and the rest so carefully arranged, that the editorial duties connected with its publication have not been of an arduous nature.

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The Committee have decided that in future the Transactions for each year shall be published annually. The proceedings of the Society for the year 1884 will therefore probably be in the hands of Members early in the year 1885.

Since the paper entitled "*Notes from Early Leicestershire Wills*" was set up in type, some new regulations as to the inspection of old Wills in the District Registries have been issued. It is

not now necessary, as stated on page 54, to obtain from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury an order remitting the fees; but application should be made to the Judge of the Probate Division for a Literary Search Order. When this has been obtained, one can search the Calendars, and Wills entered in Register Books, and make copies or extracts, *gratis*; but as to original Wills, which generally form the larger part of the Wills preserved in District Registries, a fee of one shilling has to be paid for each bundle inspected.

The plate of Tur Langton Church, which forms the Frontispiece, has been kindly presented by the Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., who has also contributed the following account of the Church:—

TUR LANGTON CHURCH.

"It was upon the 26th day of January, 1864, that the Court of Chancery granted a handsome sum of money (£5000) towards the reparation of the three Churches at Church Langton, Tur Langton, and Thorpe Langton. This led to an inspection of the Churches by the Trustees, with their able architect Mr. Joseph Goddard of Leicester; and, after a thorough examination of the three, it was decided that Church Langton and Thorpe Langton might be thoroughly repaired at a cost of £4,500, but that Tur Langton was in such a dilapidated state, that it was absolutely necessary to rebuild it. The Fund to rebuild the Church offered by the Vice-Chancellor was not half enough to defray the expenses. It was in the midst of difficulties that good Mrs. Ord, the Lady of the Manor, sent for the Rev. J. H. Hill, and offered to give £500 towards building the Church, if a site could be found in the centre of the parish, where a new Church could be built, the old one being at a most inconvenient distance from the Village. Sir Charles Isham immediately relieved the Trustees from their difficulties by granting a site for the Church (where it is now built), and added £100 as a help to its completion. The Rector, Mr. West, and Mr. Miles each gave £100, and many others subscribed in a very handsome way towards its completion.

The old Church at Tur Langton was the most ancient of the three, it having lasted for seven hundred years; it was a small, and very rude church; it had, however, in its Norman Chancel, traces of greater antiquity than either of the others. The nave with its bell-gable was decorated. Nichols describes the old church at Tur Langton as follows:—

"Upon the West Gable are two niches with pointed arches, on the top of which is placed a handsome stone cross, well executed. In the North niche hangs a small bell, recast in 1796, by Mr. Arnold of Leicester. This chapel consists only of a Nave and Chancel both of one pace; and a South Porch, and a North Door now walled up. On the outside of the East End of the Chancel above the window is a stone inscribed L. R. C W. 1706." The site of the old church is carefully preserved, being planted with trees and fenced out of the Rector's Field; and according to Mr. Poole's wish a portion of the church remains on its original site. Mr. Poole in his Paper upon the Langton Churches and Charities, reports the new Church as follows:—"It is a very good building of ornamental brickwork, with white stone dressing, with a lofty spire of Early English character, and, so far as I am entitled to express a judgment, is most creditable to Joseph Goddard, Esq., of Leicester, the architect, and most satisfactory to all interested in its completion."

Description of the Church.

The style is Early English. Built principally of red brick, with coloured bricks in bands and patterns, it is lighted with pointed windows of plate tracery in box Bath stone. It consists of nave, north aisle, small transept, chancel, vestry, tower and spire. A noble open roof of high pitch, covers in the nave and chancel. The lofty arch of the chancel is very fine. A clerestory of quatrefoil lights is inserted above the arcade arches. The principal entrance is on the north side of the tower, and consists of a stone arch, carried by six columns with red Mansfield stone shafts. The upper portion of the tower and the pretty broach spire are built of red brick, except a few feet at the top of the spire and the apex stone, which is surmounted by a cross and vane. The chancel is terminated by an apse, lighted by six lancet lights, being filled with richly stained glass by Heaton, Butler and Bayne, London. Five of these were given by Mrs. Ord, and the sixth by the Rev. John Harwood Hill, Cranoe, one of the Trustees. Since the completion of the church the great west window has been filled in with painted glass, in memory of Jemima Elizabeth Ord, who laid the foundation stone of the Church and was chief subscriber towards its erection. The communion plate, the altar-cloth, and the font were all gifts of the generous-hearted Lady of the Manor. The length of the church is ninety-nine feet, the height of the spire one hundred and seven feet."

W. G. DIMOCK FLETCHER, M.A.,

Editorial Secretary.

The Crescent, Leicester,
August, 1884.

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THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHITECTURAL & ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

January 30th, 1882.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Was held in the Library of the Guild Hall, Leicester, the Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Report of the Committee, and the audited Financial Statement, for the past year, were adopted and passed as follows :—

THE REPORT.

In the twenty-seventh Report of the Society's proceedings, the chief event of importance to be noted, is the highly successful visit to Oxford made on June 23rd and 24th under the able guidance of James Parker, Esq., F.S.A., and the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, who kindly undertook the local arrangements. By the good offices of Mr. Michie, of the Midland Railway, in concert with the local manager of the London and North Western Railway Company, through carriages (at reduced fares) were run from Leicester to Oxford, adding greatly to the comfort of the party. On the first day your Society was joined by some of the members of the Worcestershire Architectural Society, at the Martyrs' Memorial, where, after a preliminary address given by Mr. Parker, the joint Societies examined the chief points of interest in St. John's and other Colleges, the New and Ashmolean Museums, and the Radcliffe Library, explanations or comments being given by Mr. Parker from time to time on the way. The second day of the Meeting was devoted to Christ Church, the Cathedral (where Dean Liddell gave a short, but most interesting lecture), Merton and other Colleges, and a hasty glance at some of the treasures in the Bodleian Library. At Magdalen, by special permission, the State Rooms were visited. The kindness of Mr. Parker and the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher in guiding and accompanying the archæologists during the two days, and in making arrangements for them, will be gratefully remembered.

The Papers read during the year have been: 1. *Notes on a Fourteenth Century Cross, belonging to Cranoe Church*, by the Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A. 2 and 3. *The Ruding Diary*, Parts I. and II., by the late Mr. James Thompson, F.R.H.S., continued by Mr. North, F.S.A. 4. *Numismatic Incident in the reign of King Stephen*, by the Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A. 5. *Notes on Leicestershire MSS. in the Public Record Office and our National Libraries*, by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher. 6. *The Ethnography of Leicestershire*, by the late Mr. J. Thompson, F.R.H.S. One of the most interesting objects exhibited at the bi-monthly meetings was a perfect example of a Roman vase (Caistor ware) found in March last during excavations in the Abbey Meadow. It measures 6½in. in height by 4½in. diameter, with alternate longitudinal depressions, and raised portions. The ancient fourteenth-century cross, belonging to Cranoe Church, to which one of the above Papers refers, was also worthy of note. Your Committee desire to express their regret at the death,

in August last, of the Earl of Gainsborough, who, in 1880, was elected a Patron of this Society, of which he had for many years been President. Your Committee recall with pleasure the interest he took in our proceedings, and his kind hospitality in connection with the Society's visit to Stamford in 1879. Your Committee are gratified to announce that in consequence of the representations of this and other Societies the contemplated removal of the Roman pavement from Jewry Wall Street to the Museum Buildings has not taken place.

Church Restoration.

The chief local work completed during the year is that of *St. Margaret's, Leicester*, which was most successfully carried out under the guidance of the late Mr. George E. Street, R.A., who before the work was undertaken remarked "that nothing would induce him to alter any part of the building that was historically interesting; nor in any way to disguise old work by new, or to put new work where it could be avoided." The untimely loss of this great architect in the zenith of his fame must be deplored by all. The greater part of the external stonework has been rebuilt, it having become unsafe. The porch has been beautifully restored. New open roofs, the woodwork of which is handsomely carved, have been placed internally upon the nave and aisles. The walls of the church have been replastered, the stonework cleansed, and the floor repaved. A fine memorial window has been placed in the tower. The total cost of the work amounted to about £6,200.

Ratby.

The ancient Parish Church of Ratby, having fallen into a nearly hopeless state of dilapidation, it was at first supposed that its restoration was impossible. The inhabitants of the village, however, having determined to retain the fabric, the task of repairing the building was begun two or three years ago. The ancient stonework has been preserved wherever possible, and the church is rendered safe, and fit for worship. An organ chamber and vestry have been added, and the old pews replaced by open seats. Mr. N. Joyce, of Stafford, was the architect employed.

Syston.

The chancel has been rebuilt, the nave and aisles lengthened, and the east window has been filled with stained glass.

At Brooksby, the spire has been rebuilt; the walls of Nether Broughton Church repaired; and at Shawell a handsome reredos has been placed in the church by the Rector in memory of his son.

Treasurer's Statement, 1881.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
1881.				
Jan. 1.	Balance from old Account	95	4	0
Dec. 31.	Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year ..	101	11	6
	Books sold ..	0	8	3
		£197	3	9

Payments.	£	s.	d.
1881.			
Grant for Transactions ..	35	0	0
Williamson, for Volume for 1879	41	9	8
Ditto, 1880	48	14	7
Clarke, Printing, &c.	8	0	2
Rent, one year	5	0	0
Archæological Institute, Two years..	2	2	0
Utting, Engraving	1	10	0
Oxford Meeting, Expenses ..	4	8	6
Advertizing	5	4	8
Sundries	1	14	6
Balance	43	19	8
	£197	3	9

1882.—Jan. 1. Balance in hand, £43 19s. 8d.

Examined and found correct,

(Signed) THOMAS HOLYLAND, Auditor.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor of Leicester, for the use of the Library for meetings held during the past year, and to the press for carefully reporting the proceedings at those meetings; also to the Committee and Officers of the Society—who were re-elected—for their services.

The Right Honourable Lord Braye of Stanford Hall, and Mr. R. Read, Jun., of Leicester, were elected members.

The following antiquities &c., were exhibited :—

By Mr. Wartnaby: A copy of Speed's Map of Leicestershire dated 1610.

By the Rev. Dr. Dickson: A copy of a grant of Tithes at Foxton dated in the 44th year of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and two bronze coins found at Rome.

Mr. T. North, F.S.A., contributed the following paper.

A MELTON SCHOOLMASTER.

The late Mr. John Brereton, who died at Sheffield in the year 1858, was Master of the Upper, or Grammar, School of Melton-Mowbray for upwards of thirty years. He left a Diary containing a record of the chief events of his life. I have been permitted, by the courtesy of his son, Mr. Robert Brereton, to see and to make extracts from that book.

Thinking the following sketch of the life of a gentleman, who, for so many years was intimately connected with Melton, will not be unacceptable to the members of this Society residing in that town, I send it, merely premising that the Diary I have just referred to is my chief authority for the facts stated.

Mr. John Brereton claimed descent, through a younger son, from the ancient family of Brereton of Brereton, a Hamlet near to Nantwich, in the County of Chester, where they were seated as early as the year 1275, when William, son of Adam de Boothes, married Sibill, daughter of Sir Ralph de Brereton, Knight. There the family continued in long succession until it became, in the direct line, extinct by the death of Francis Lord Brereton, without issue, in the year 1721. The "younger son" just referred to is said to have left his father's house at Brereton, and settled in Norfolk, where he commenced business as a Cornfactor, Maltster, &c. He married and had issue: after a series of years, there being no direct heir to the estate at Brereton, a descendant of this younger son put in his claim for the property which was then, and had been for some time, in the possession of an indirect branch of the original family. A suit for the recovery of the estate was brought into the Court of Chancery, which, after long delay, terminated in favour of the then possessor, the Norfolk claimant failing, it is said, from having neglected to make his claim at an earlier period.

Robert Brereton was a Maltster at Lynn in Norfolk: he married twice: by his first wife, Mary, he had a son also named Robert, who was baptized at S. Nicholas Chapel, Lynn, on the 11th of March, 1749-50. This Robert married Charlotte Knights, by whom he had five children. John, the subject of these notes, the fourth child, was born at Heacham in Norfolk, where his parents were then living, on the 4th of April, 1783. Soon after his birth his parents removed to Lynn, where, in due time, he went to school, Mr. Lavender being his first master: he was afterwards placed under Mr. George Brown, and then for a short time at a Mr. Youngman's, his relative, Mr. Brereton of Salthouse, allowing a small sum quarterly for his education.

The first important event in his life is recorded thus in his Diary:—

"1792. Cousin Charlotte Jessop, brother Robert and sister Charlotte and self have the small-pox very severely. Robert, who has just attained his 14th year dies."

The marks of this fearful disease were ever afterwards apparent on Mr. Brereton's features.

Early in the year 1802 John Brereton left Lynn, and took up his abode at Wereham in the same county. There, under date of 20th October, he made the entry in his Diary:—

"Resolve to pursue my studies and begin Grammar, Arithmetic, Perspective, Geometry, &c."

In the following year (20 April, 1803) he married Miss Ann Salmon.

After remaining at Wereham for two years he was appointed (in January, 1804) writing master in the school of the Rev. George Millars, Minor Canon of Ely. In the following month Charlotte, his first child, was born at Wereham, and he enters with the pride of a father:—

"*Family* shortly afterwards quit Wereham to live at Ely."

There he only remained one year and six months: at the end of which time he left Ely to live in the family of the Rev. Holt Okes, who at that time conducted a large school at Linton in Cambridgeshire. Mr. Brereton's circumstances were improved by this change: his salary was £60 per annum, with a cottage for his family and board for himself—a very fair remuneration at that time. It is not surprising therefore to read in his Diary:—

"Here I passed some of the happiest periods of my life in the society of Mr. Okes and his excellent wife and brother Robert, a man respected and beloved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him."

At Linton three other children were born to him—John, Mary Ann, and Robert.

On Holy Thursday, 31st of May, 1810, Mr. Brereton left Linton, having obtained, through the influence of Mr. Okes, the appointment of Master of the Free School at Farcett in Huntingdonshire.

During his stay of only about eight months at Farcett Mr. Brereton was much employed in Land Surveying in the Fens, being "much befriended" as he writes "by Mr. Maxwell, agent to Lord Eardley."

In the month of February, 1811, Mr. Brereton entered in his Diary:—

"1811. Feb. 19. Having resided at Farcett 8 mo. 18 d. and elected Head Master of the Free School in Melton Mowbray, in the County of Leicester, to teach 70 boys with the assistance of an Usher. Salary £70 per annum, Close about three acres, House and Gardens. Usher 1st year, Mr. Richards, 2nd year, Mr. Rippin."

There is nothing noteworthy in Mr. Brereton's Diary during the first few years of his residence in Melton. Two more children were born to him—Catharine in 1811 and Sarah in 1814—making a family of six. In 1814 "a very severe fever attacks the family," and in the November of that year his father died after a short illness.

At this time Mr. Brereton gave several lectures on Scientific subjects at Oakham, Uppingham and Sleaford. He also gave private instruction in the families of Mr. Hartopp at Dalby and Mr. Norman at Melton: at the house of the latter he occasionally met the Duchess of Rutland, and upon one occasion he exhibited—as he was very fond of doing—some experiments in electricity, for under date of January, 1817, is the entry in his Diary:—

"Her Grace the Dutchess of Rutland is electrified!"

About this time some important changes were made in the management of the Melton School. Mr. Brereton was sent, in July, 1817, to Leicester by the School Committee to be instructed in "Dr. Bell's new system of Tuition." On his return he began, with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Ford, the vicar of the parish, to organise the school which was at that time—pending the erection of new schools—held in the Church. On the 29th of January in the following year—1818—Mr. Brereton says in his Diary:—

"Open New School Room in King Street with ceremonies. Had previously taught in the church 5 months 24 days. Remove from Spittle End to School House in King's Street."

At Midsummer in that year he went to London for further instruction in the National System: he continued to teach the Melton boys on that system for nearly four years when another change was made in the management of the schools. Mr. Coates was appointed National Schoolmaster, and arrived at the school on the 5th of May, 1821: he and his scholars occupied the lower room of the boys' school in King's Street, and Mr. Brereton removed to the upper room, where he was to teach 40 boys: his salary being reduced £10 per annum in consequence of this change.

During the holidays of the summer of 1821 Mr. Brereton visited London with his eldest son, John, to obtain instruction for him in oil painting from "Mr. Sass the artist." They stayed in town for about a month, visited the Theatres, &c., &c., paid Mr. Sass seven guineas for John's instruction, and returned to Melton in time to reopen the school on the 9th of July.

Ten days later—on Thursday the 19th of July—there were great rejoicings in Melton on the occasion of the Coronation of King George IV. The event is thus noted by Mr. Brereton in his Diary:—

"Thursday, 19 July. King's Coronation. Holidays from Thursday to Monday. The children dine in School, 500 in number, 2 sheep roasted in Girls' Yard. Cake and wine given to the children after dinner. Walk in procession round the Market-place, sing 'God save the King' having formed a circle. Tea Drinking in the school in the Evening at which the Ladies preside. Sheep roasted for the populace and bread and ale distributed—Dancing in most parts of the town, and the rejoicings kept up till Saturday Evening—A Ball at the White Swan. Decorated the room for the purpose. Dined at the cost of the Town Wardens at the Swan Inn."

It was customary at that time before the days of Government Inspection for any distinguished visitors in the town—especially any staying at "Squire Norman's" to be brought to the Upper School in order to test the progress of the boys: thus in 1821 Mr. Brereton entered:—

"Sep. 18. Mr. Norman, Lady Elizabeth, and — Carr, Esq. visit the school."

"1822, Feb. 25. The Dutchess of Leeds and her daughter the Lady Katherine Melville and Mrs. Merchison examine Upper School."

During the summer holidays of 1822 Mr. Brereton and his son John again visited London, saw the sights, pictures, &c., &c., and bought several useful books for John as an artist. Both John and Robert are now constantly mentioned as artists employed by different gentlemen in the neighbourhood.

On Saturday, the 5th of October in that year—1822—the "children of the schools join in procession to open the new

Bridge," that is, I suppose, the Bridge over the Eye on the Leicester Road.

In 1823 the small-pox broke out in Mr. Brereton's household, two of his children having it severely: shortly afterwards his son John fell ill, and though he recovered his usual health for a time, he caused his father much anxiety and put him to much expense for several years: he died in the year 1837. These domestic afflictions appear to have pressed severely upon Mr. Brereton, who enters in his Diary the fact of his telling the local tradesmen that he will not be answerable for any goods bought on trust from that date, and that in future ready money would be paid. His honourable spirit revolted from being in debt, and he felt proud and grateful when, some years afterwards, he entered in his Diary:—

"This day I have paid off all the arrears of debt, and I have lived to see the day when I am indebted to no one."

Under the date of 21st May, 1824, Mr. Brereton records "a dreadful thunder storm accompanied by hail. Old Watchorn who works for Mr. Hill as shepherd is killed by a stroke of lightning on or near the Great Dalby road." On the following Market-day Mr. Brereton adopted a novel way of collecting money for the benefit of the poor fellow's widow: he enters in his Diary:—

"Attended this day to exhibit the clothes of Watchorn, who was killed by lightning, for the benefit of the widow—Collected $5\frac{2}{4}\frac{5}{8}\frac{3}{0}$£."

In October of the same year death entered Mr. Brereton's household; his daughter Charlotte died; and sickness prevailed in his family for several weeks.

During the next dozen years the entries in the Diary are chiefly of a domestic and private character: one or two relating to more public matters may be quoted:—

"1826. Mar. 20. This day it was determined by the inhabitants of Melton to apply to Parliament for a Bill to enable them to sell the houses, &c., belonging to the Town Estate."

On the 30th of December, 1829 a temporary "Picture Gallery" was opened in the National School, Melton, "for the encouragement of the Fine Arts, and for the benefit of the Leicester Infirmary and Melton Poor," under the management of Messrs. William Latham and John Day. It continued open in the School until the 15th of the following month. A Catalogue was printed —a second edition of which is inserted in the Diary—with an address prefixed, in which it is said that Melton Mowbray "from its geographical situation and its celebrity appeared well calculated as a focus for drawing together productions of the pencil and chisel,

for it is easy of access, and fifty miles from any town where an exhibition of a similar description has been got up."

Melton thus, fifty years ago, led the way for the numerous Fine Arts Exhibitions, Schools of Art and other popular means of Art culture now happily so common. The Catalogue shews (and several contributions were sent in afterwards) no less than 218 Pictures by ancient and modern artists, properly arranged under the heads of "Subject," "Painter," and "Proprietor," and 141 specimens of British and Foreign Stuffed Birds lent by Mr. Bickley, whose fine collection, at his death a few years ago, passed into the hands of the Trustees of the Leicester Museum.

A few months later—in Whitsun-week—Mr. Brereton delivered a series of Public Lectures in the Schoolroom on "the Mechanical Properties of the Air," illustrated by experiments.

Returning to the Diary we find:—

"1830. Oct. 7. Grand Dinner to Lord Robt. Manners in N. School which is fitted up for the occasion."
"1831. Sep. 2. The Duchess Dr. of Rutland dies."
"1839. Nov. 1. My mother dies at Lynn in Norfolk."

His strong family affections are constantly peeping out in the dry entries in the Diary; such as:—

"1839. Dec. 23. Send my dear little grandchildren a christmas box £1."
"1840, Aug. 6. Send dear little Frederick Townsend [child of his daughter Sarah] 10s. to pay for his vaccination."
"17th. Send 10s. on occasion of little Frederick's birth-day."
"Sep. 1. Poor little Fred. Townsend dies . . . aged 1 year 13 days."
"2. Send a sovereign to defray in part the funeral expenses."

In the following year Mr. Brereton records the death of the wife on Sunday, the 15th of August, aged 72 years: and about three years later we find entries relating to his resignation of the office of Master of the Upper or Grammar School at Melton:—

"1844. Nov. 6. Receive Letter from Committee recommending me from age and ill-health to resign."
"15. Answer the above letter in which I agree to comply with the suggestion made."

In consequence of this correspondence a Town Meeting was called for School business on the 23rd December in that year. The meeting was very numerously attended, and was presided over by W. Latham, Esq. It was resolved to grant Mr. Brereton an annuity of £20—"for the remainder of his life in consequence of a service of thirty-four years."

He did not, however, quit his post as Master until June, 1845, when he entered this memorandum :—

"1845. June 24. This day I cease to be the Schoolmaster of this place. I have held the situation from Christmas 1811 to the present time, a period of 34 years and 6 months."

"1845. July 21. This day Mr. J. Clarke, my successor, begins to teach as Master of the Upper School."

Although Mr. Brereton's connection with the School now ceased, he continued to reside in the town until the year 1850, when he left for Sheffield, where his son Robert and other members of his family then lived. He says in his Diary :—

"1850. Ap. 11. Leave Melton-Mowbray to reside at Sheffield Yorks: after residing at Melton from Christmas 1811, Being a period of time equal to 39 years 3 months and 11 Days."

His son, Mr. Robert Brereton, married in 1854: in March, 1857 Mr. Brereton went to live with him and his wife in Dixon Lane, Sheffield, where he remained until his death, which occurred on the 8th of May in the following year—1858.

The last days of Mr. Brereton were much cheered, and his sufferings much alleviated, by the tender and loving care bestowed constantly upon him by his son, Mr. Robert Brereton, and by his daughter-in-law, to both of whom he was strongly attached: almost his last words were "Ah! my son, my son, my dear boy!" soon after saying which he passed away without pain, his countenance being calm and serene.

Intelligent and studious above most of his contemporaries in Melton, Mr. Brereton's society was sought and enjoyed by the gentry of the place. Especially was he a constant visitor at the house of Richard Norman, Esq., who was, at that time, the most important man in the town; indeed the entries in the Diary of "Dined with Mr. Norman," "Spent the evening with Mr. Norman," &c., &c., are most constant; and the Resolution passed at the Town's Meeting, to grant him an annuity when he resigned, is signed by no less than 43 of the inhabitants—in fact by all the more substantial and respectable gentlemen of the place.

Short and active in person Mr. Brereton had perfect command over his school: and if it had sadly retrograded from the position it held in former times, it is something to say that, whilst Mr. Brereton fulfilled his duties conscientiously and carefully, he, soon after it came into his hands, improved it much by reverting to the old plan of an Upper and a Lower School, and so left it in a better state than that in which he found it.

With all the modern improvements in tuition, and with the experience of the past to guide them, one cannot but deeply regret

that the inhabitants of Melton did not, upon the resignation of Mr. Brereton, restore the Schools to their original position by the appointment of a National Schoolmaster for the Lower School, and of a competent master or masters for the Upper or Grammar School, which should be a school where such a training can be had as shall not only suffice for the sons of tradesmen and professional men, but shall—as it was in former times—be sufficient to pass a youth on at once to the universities.

This is, I know, a disputed point in Melton, and it may, of course, be said that one man's opinion is as good as another's, but I am convinced that Melton lost much in the past, and will lose more in the future by the present arrangement of the schools, and by the one-sided appropriation of the funds. I have no hesitation in saying--and I can say it with some experience of the working of National Schools—that an *entirely* free education in them for all the children of the parish is a great mistake, and further, I maintain that the establishment of a Grammar School would not only prevent the money of Melton men being spent upon Schools at a distance, but it would attract private families to the place, and so cause a great benefit to the local tradesmen.

March 27th, 1882.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

Resolved that Mr. Hall's drawings of the Roman Pavement in Jewry Wall Street and of the Jewry Wall be purchased; and a sub-Committee was appointed to arrange for their publication, if thought desirable.

The Right Hon. Lord Braye was elected a President, and Mr. John Ellis of Leicester, a member of the Society.

The following antiquities &c., were exhibited:—

By the Rev. A. M. Rendell: Two Nuremburg Tokens.

By the Chairman: A very heavy seventeenth century broad sword, four feet long, with a basket hilt, and a dress sword, probably of the eighteenth century.

Also a copy of "*The Compleat History of the Warres in Scotland, under the conduct of the illustrious and truly valiant James, Marquesse of Montrose, General for His Majestie Charles 1st, in that kingdome, together with a brief character of him, as also a true relation of his foreign negotiations, landing, defeat, apprehension, tryal, and deplorable death in the time of Charles 2nd. Now newly corrected and enlarged by an eye witnesse of all the afore-mentioned passages, printed in the year* 1660."

This Book, remarked Mr. Hill, formerly belonged to Jane

Ericke, or Herrick, the daughter of Thomas Herrick, of Frisby-on-the Wreake, and niece to the mother of Dean Swift: she married the Rev. John Kendall, Vicar of Thornton, by whom she had two sons—Thomas and John. This family of the Kendalls had a grant of arms in the 31st year of Henry VI., an emblazoned copy of which is now in the possession of Mr. John Kendall of Langton, who is a lineal descendant of the above-named John Kendall, Vicar of Thornton.

In this curious book there are four autographs of Jane Ericke. The first is on the blank page thus, "Jane Ericke, her book, 1677," and under this "John Kendall, his book." At the back of the likeness of Montrose, her name is signed twice; and again upon the fly leaf at the end of the book. Upon the last page of the book, with a deep black border at the top and bottom, the following:—

"Upon the death of King Charles the First.

"Great! Good! and Just! could I but rate
My Griefs, and thy too Rigid fate,
I'd weep the world to such a strain,
As it would Deluge once again.
But since thy loud-tongu'd blood demands supplys,
More from Briareus Hands, than Argus eyes,
I'le sing Thy Obsequies, with trumpet Sounds,
And write Thy Epitaph with Blood and Wounds.
Montrose.
"Written with the point of his Sword."

May 22nd, 1882.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Chairman alluded in appropriate terms to the death of Major Freer who was for many years a President of this Society.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Chairman: The History and Antiquities of Hinckley, by John Nichols, printed and published in 1782.

By Lieut.-Colonel Bellairs: A shilling of Henry VII.; obverse, the King's head crowned with an arched crown; legend, HENRIC - VII - DI - GRA - REX - AGL. - & - FR.; reverse, arms of France and England quarterly, with cross extending to outside; legend, POSUI - DEU. ADIUTOR - E - MEV. The Coin was found in 1881 at Stockerston.

By the Rev. C. Henton Wood: *Euclidis Elementa Geometrica*

Novo Ordine ac Methodo fere Demonstrata una cum Nicolai Mercatoris in Geometriam introductione brevi, &c., printed at London by Job Martyn, at the sign of the Bell, in St. Paul's Churchyard, 1678. *Baldvinus de Calceo et Nigronius de Caliga veterum*, Amstelodami, 1667; containing some curious illustrations. A Book of Common Prayer and Bible, with ye Office for Touching for the Evil, at the Healing, *temp.* Queen Anne, 1703-4.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Meeting for 1882 was held at Coventry and Warwick, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th and 27th of July.

Wednesday, 26th July.

The members and friends of the Society visited Coventry, and carefully inspected St. Mary's Hall, St. Michael's and Trinity Churches, Benedictine Priory and site of Cathedral and Hospitium Crypt, Remains of City Walls and Gates, St. John's Hospital (now the Free Grammar School), Collegiate Church of St. John (recently restored), Bablake Hospital, Palace Yard, Whitefriars (now the Union Workhouse), St. Ann's or the Carthusians, Park Walls, Cheylesmore Manor House, Grey Friars (now Christ Church), and Ford's Hospital, under the able guidance of Mr W. G. Fretton, F.S.A., and Mr. M. H. Bloxam, F.S.A.

Thursday, 27th July.

The second day, some of the members proceeded to Warwick, and visited the Castle, St. Mary's Church, and the Leicester Hospital. Others of the party, however, preferred to examine the ruins of Kenilworth.

Some interesting Papers by Mr. W. G. Fretton and others, relating to Coventry, Kenilworth, &c., which were read at a former visit of the Society to these places in July, 1873, may be found in the *Associated Societies' Reports and Papers*, XII. xlii., 122, and in the *Transactions*, IV., 202.

July 31st, 1882.

The Rev. J. B. Dickson, LL.D., in the chair.

Special votes of thanks were passed to Mr. W. G. Fretton, F.S.A., for his valuable assistance in arranging and carrying out

the excursion to Coventry and Warwick, and to Mr. M. H. Bloxam, F.S.A., for his explanation of objects of antiquarian interest in Coventry.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society: Mr. W. B. Bragg, of Market Harborough, and Mr. T. Canner, of Leicester.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. M. Rendell, reporting the find of a stone coffin at Sproxton.

The following antiquities were exhibited:—

By the Rev. J. E. Stocks: Old Charters, from the reign of Henry III, found in an old box in the vestry of the church at Market Harborough.

By the Rev. T. W. Owen: A Bible, printed by Charles Bell, 1704, belonging to Mr. Bartram.

The Chairman read the following

NOTES ON THE LAST VERSES OF SIR WALTER SCOTT.

Since my Paper on "The last verses of Scott" was submitted to you, (see the *Transactions*, V. 286,) it has come out that the name of the noble lady to whom Scott addressed the lines was probably not Wollenluss, as in the MS., but Wolkonsky. I now quote from a pamphlet lately published for private circulation.

Miss Scarth of the Rectory, Wrington, Somerset, writes:—"In the grounds of the Villa Wolkonsky in Rome is an upright stone erected to Sir W. Scott's Memory. The inscription is in French. I regret I did not copy it, but the idea was, The lamp which brightened our winter evenings is now extinguished. The Countess Wollonsky is mentioned in a "Sister's Story," by Mrs. Craven, in 1832, at which time she seems to have gathered round her people of cultivation and refinement." Miss Scarth kindly undertook to make inquiries at Rome, and commenced her search in February 20th, 1880. I said that perhaps I should be able to procure a copy of it through a friend now resident there. In a letter received from her this morning she says:—"The Monument, which is a pillar about three feet high, with a broken top, has on it—

"A Walter Scott
La douce lampe
De nos veillées
S'est eteinte."

I have put the words in the same order exactly as they are on the pillar. I have no doubt in my own mind that the lady who erected this stone, and the one to whom he addressed the verses, was in reality the same person."

The Secretary to the Italian Embassy at the Court of St. James's thus writes:—"There is in Rome a Villa Wolkonsky near S. Giovanni in Laterano. I suppose that the Countess Wollenluss was no other than the Countess Wolkonsky, who belonged to a well known family, I believe of Polish extraction."

And so ends the last Lay of the Border Minstrel.

September 25th, 1882.

Captain Whitby in the chair.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. C. H. Wood: A gold coin, supposed to be British, with the figure of a horse on one side, found at Whaddon Chase, Bucks.

By the Rev. J. H. Hill: A shilling of Queen Elizabeth, fine specimen.

By Mr. W. J. Wartnaby: An ivory carving of the sixteenth century; within a foliated arch, figures of the Virgin and Child in her arms, and crowned by an angel;—portion of a larger work, but complete in itself, and in a good state of preservation.

By the Chairman: Two old miniatures on ivory; and a portrait of Prince Charles Stuart, grandson of King James II., concerning which the Chairman read the following notes:—

This is an original Stuart portrait, and in possession of the Harcourt family, I presume of Sir Simon Harcourt (the grandfather of Richard, whom I shall mention shortly), a judge in the reign of Queen Ann, and strongly attached to the Stuart family. This portrait was handed down with other miniatures to Richard Harcourt, Esq., of Wizell House, in Sussex, about two miles on the right from Hawkhurst, and near Salehurst, where several members of this family are buried. Miss Elizabeth, this gentleman's eldest daughter, married about the year 1754 a Richard Dorrill, Esq., Captain in the Royal Navy, who was employed in the fleet appointed to bring over Charlotte of Mecklenburg on her marriage with his late Majesty George III. The Earl of Harcourt was the Ambassador on this business. Lord Anson was the Admiral, a Captain Peter Denis his Captain, and Captain Dorrill commanded one of the ships of the squadron. In 1758 Captain Dorrill was Captain of the Essex, sixty-four guns. I cannot find that there was any judge of the name of Harcourt in Queen Ann's reign, other than Sir Simon, who became Lord High Chancellor, and a Viscount, and had no son nor grandson of the name of Richard. His only son Simon died before himself, and he was succeeded by his grandson Simon, who was made an earl and was the Ambassador to the Court of Mecklenburg. His daughter Elizabeth was one of the

ten young ladies, daughters of Dukes and Earls, who supported the train of Queen Charlotte on her Majesty's nuptials, on the 8th September, 1761. I think that Richard Harcourt, of Wizell, must have been a nephew of the Lord Chancellor. Captain Dorrill's wife's name, Elizabeth, evidently was a family name, as Lady Elizabeth Harcourt was one of the Queen's bridesmaids, and Dorrill being a relative, was chosen to accompany the Ambassador. Captain Dorrill belonged to an old Sussex family. The Mr. Walkinson, who married his youngest daughter, was uncle to the late Thomas Rawson, Esq., of Enderby, and by the permission of his widow, Mrs. Rawson, I exhibit this beautiful miniature. The peerage of Harcourt became extinct in 1830. The Harcourts are descended from a French family, one of whose likenesses I produce.

Mr. J. E. Weatherhead read the following Paper on the

CONVEYANCE OF THE MANOR OF LODDINGTON, 1670.

Seeing that the document (which I exhibit) embodies incidents of local and historic interest, I purpose in the first place giving a brief abstract thereof, supplemented by a few concise notes, having reference to the principal parties who figure therein, adopting the quaint orthography:—By indenture, tripartite, 1st July, 1670, 22 Charles II., betweene Henry Coventry and Edward Progers, Esqs., Groomes of his Maties. Bedchamber, Sir Allen Apsley and Sir Winston Churchill Knights, of the first part; Thomas Waller, Sergeant-at-law, of second part; and Nicholas Smith, of London, gent., of third part. Reciting that Sir John Prettyman, of Loddington, Co. Leicr., Baronett, being formerly appointed receiver to His Majtie. of his first ffruits and tenths, became indebted to his Majestie in £19,864 9s. 9d., and still remained indebted in £16,000 more then he had answered to the receipt of his Maties. Exchequer, whereupon process of extent issued out of said Exchequer and by inquisicon thereupon taken, it was found that said Sir John was seized in fee of the Manor of Loddington, with the appurts., of the yearly value of £788 19s. 8d., which being not sufficient to satisfie said debt by percepcon of the profittes thereof att the extended value in long time, it was, by Act of the then present Parliament (intituled "An Act for the sale of part of the estate of Sir John Pretyman, for satisfaccon of a debt by him due to the King's Matie") enacted that said manor, &c., be and was thereby vested and settled in said Coventry, Progers, Apsley, and Churchill, and their heirs, upon trust that they, and the survivor and the heirs of such survivor, should forthwith sell sd manor, and out of proceeds of such sale, and of the meane profits by them to bee received untill such sale made, reimburse themselves

all such charges, &c., which they should sustain by reason of such sales, or of the trust in them by sd Act reposed, and out of residue of such purchase money pay into his Maties Rect. of Excheq. £16,000 with interest at 6 per cent. per ann. from the last day of Decr., 1663, in discharge of sd debt of sd Sir John Pretyman, and the residue of the moneys to be raised by such sale to be paid to John Morris and Robert Clayton, of London, Gentn., to be disposed and employed in such manner as by sd Act enacted; and it was further enacted by sd Act, for more ready raising moneys for satisfacon of his Matie, and performance of the trust in that Act menconed, it should be lawful for sd Henry Coventry, &c., and the survivors and survivor of them, and his heirs, to mortgage sd manor for any estate subject to a further sale of the reversion thereof to bee made according to the said Act, and for the purposes aforesaid as by sd Act might appear. It was witnessed that sd Coventry, &c., in conson of £22,240 by sd Waller and Smith paid into the receipt of his Maties Excheqr in discharge of sd debt of £16,000, and interest, and in cons'on of 5s. to sd Coventry, &c., by sd Waller and Smith paid, sd Coventry, &c., in pursuance of authority given by sd Act, did grant bargain sell and confirm unto sd Waller and Smith and their heirs, All that the said mannor of Loddington, with the messuages lands tenements and heredits parcel thereof, in co. Leicester, with appurts., &c., and all and singular other the mannors, &c., by sd Act vested in sd Coventry, &c., with appurts., To hold the sd mannor, &c., to sd Waller and Smith and their heirs, to the use of sd Waller and Smith, their heirs and assigns for ever. Covenants from sd Coventry, &c., that they had done no act to encumber, &c. Executed by sd Coventry, Progers, Apsley, and Churchill, and duly attested, one witness being "John Morris, sen." Seals (impress effaced). In the right hand bottom corner, "Recognit' p' p'fatos Henricum Coventry et Alan' Apsley, 4 die Augusti, 1670, coram me in Cancell' Magistro Jo. Coell'." The following indorsement:—"In dors' claus' Cancellar' infrascript domini Regis quarto die Augusti anno infrascript' altera pars Indentur' infrascript', per Rogerum Billingham."

The first autograph is that of one of an old family, several members of which figured conspicuously in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Henry Coventry, born 1619, was third son (by a second marriage) of Thomas, first Earl of Coventry; was brother of Sir William Coventry, Knt., and uncle to Sir John Coventry, K.B. He suffered greatly for his loyalty during the rebellion, so that soon after the restoration of King Charles II. he was made one of the grooms of his bed-chamber. In 1664 Charles II. sent him Envoy Extraordinary to Sweden. In 1667 he was one of the Ambassadors despatched to Breda for the purpose of treating for peace with France, Denmark, and the States General. He was

again sent on an embassy to Sweden in 1671, and on his return in the following year was constituted Secretary of State and Privy Councillor. He bequeathed his lands in Hampton-Lovet, in com. Wigorn, to the burgesses of Droitwich, for the erecting and maintaining of an hospital for twenty-four poor people. "He founded and endowed this workhouse that the industry of the indigent persons therein placed might make this charity comfortable to themselves, and acceptable to God, unto whom he departed December 7th, 1686." Another autograph is that of the son of Sir Allen Apsley (Lieut. of the Tower). The former acted a distinguished part on the Royalist side during the Civil Wars, but is better known by his connection with his brother-in-law, the noble and famous Colonel Hutchinson (Governor of the Castle, Nottingham), who protected him during the Commonwealth. Sir Allen (the son) died in 1683, leaving a poem, "Order and Disorder, or the World made and undone; being meditations upon the creation and the fall, as recorded in Genesis." The noble-minded wife, Lucy Hutchinson, was the authoress of the celebrated "Memoirs" of the life of that accomplished Christian gentleman, Colonel Hutchinson. They form one of the most exquisitely noble, touching, and interesting pieces of biography in the English language. Colonel Hutchinson was nominated a member of the High Court of Justice for the trial of Charles I., and signed the sentence which was pronounced against the unfortunate monarch. The next autograph signature is that of Sir Winston Churchill, descended from an ancient family seated at Churchill, County Somerset, from whence they had their name. Of an old Cavalier family, which had suffered much in the Civil War for its attachment to the Royal cause, he was raised to the dignity of knighthood at the restoration. He was the father of the celebrated John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, renowned for his consummate skill and brilliant military achievements. He was also father of Arabella Churchill, a favourite of the Duke of York (afterwards James II). He published "Divi Brittannici; being a remark upon the lives of all the Kings of this Isle, from the year of the world 2855 unto the reign of grace, 1660." Serjeant Thomas Waller was one of an ancient and honourable family of Kentish origin. Edmund Waller, the poet and politician, sat in the long Parliament of 1661, which continued till 1679, and continued a courtier and senator till near the end of his life, 1687. Sir William Waller (son of Thos. Waller, Knt.), was a leading general of the Parliamentary army in the first years of the civil war. He was appointed a member of the Council of State, 1660, and sat in the Convention Parliament.

On the dissolution of the Priory of Laund, it, together with this Lordship (Loddington) became the property of Thomas Lord Cromwell, whose grandson, Edward Lord Cromwell, exchanged this manor and other lands with Chas. Blount, Lord Mountjoy,

Earl of Devonshire, and Lord Deputy of Ireland, who granted this manor to his natural son, Mountjoy Blount, Baron Mountjoy, of Mountjoy Fort, in Ireland—(*Burton*). From the family of Mountjoy this manor came by purchase into the possession of the Prettymans. "In 1609 (says *Nichols*) Sir Edwd. Blount, Sir Wm. Godolphin, with Henry Berkeley, Joseph Earth, and John Wakeman, held the manor of Loddington, and the impropriation of the Rectory, *in capite*." A document in my possession tends to confirm this fact.

Sir John Prettyman,* at the Restoration, was elected a representative in Parliament for the Borough of Leicester. His third daughter, Elizabeth, was married first to Sir Thomas Burton, of Stockerston, Bart., and secondly to Sir Wm. Halford, of Welham, Knt. *Nichols* mentions the fact that "by an Act of Parliament passed 1670, the estates of Sir John Prettyman were vested in trustees to be sold for the payment of £19,864, a crown debt, the residue to be paid into the hands of John Morris, and Robert Clayton, both of London." "Feb. 20, 1670-1," (says *Nichols*,) "Sir John complained to the House, by petition, that Sir Edward Hungerford and Mr. Clayton had disposed of his lands at an undervalue, which, on examination before a committee, he could not prove." "April 14, 1675. A complaint being made in the House of Commons that Sir John Prettyman, a member of that House, was detained a prisoner in the King's Bench, the Marshal was directed to bring him to the House, with the cause of his detention. He died in or about 1676." Among other incidents *Nichols* gives the following:—"Dec. 2, 1669. He (Sir John Prettyman) complained to the House of the arrest of Robert Humes, his menial servant, and on a regular hearing, Dec. 4, it being stated that Mr. Humes had been theretofore a merchant, but had left off trade about five years, and that in August, 1669, he had been entertained as a servant to Sir John Prettyman, at £12 a year wages, and was employed in recovering his rents, he was discharged out of prison." "Dec. 4, 1669. A petition of Dame Theodosia Prettyman was also read, and referred to a committee; and on the 7th the Marshal of the King's Bench was directed to let the said lady have liberty, with a keeper, to attend the committee." "March 21, 1669-70. Two petitions against Sir John Prettyman were presented to the House, one from Dame Theodosia Prettyman, the other from Elizabeth Humes; on which the committee reported 'that the House had been ill dealt with by Sir John's protecting Humes as his menial servant, by concealing the truth of the case; and that Humes was released out of prison, from actions depending against him, by the miscarriage

* See Pedigree of Prettyman in Le Neve's Pedigrees of Knights, Harl. Soc., p. 113. [Ed.]

of Sir John Prettyman, as his menial servant, when in truth he was not.' And after Sir John Prettyman had withdrawn, it was resolved that Sir John should be suspended his sitting in the House, and from all privileges as a member, till he should produce Robert Humes; and that he should receive from the Speaker that sentence on his knees; but on sending for him to the Speaker's chamber he was not be found. On his petitioning the House Nov. 11, he was ordered to attend on the 14th, when he received the sentence on his knees; and on the 23rd, the House being satisfied that he had used his endeavour to find Humes, he was restored to his privileges."

The John Morris mentioned in this deed (an opulent upholsterer of London) purchased the Loddington Hall estate in 1670, and his descendants, for a period extending over two centuries, have been possessed thereof. I believe the present patron of the vicarage to be Chas. Hy. Morris, Esq. Various members of this family held influential and prominent positions in connection with this county. One Edmund Morris was Knight of the shire, 1722. Other members held the office of High Sheriff, whilst others were representatives in Parliament. The estate has but recently (four or five years ago) changed ownership; Lord Aberdour (son of the Right Hon. the Earl of Morton) being the present Lord of the Manor.

[The following continuation of the PEDIGREE of MORRIS of LODDINGTON, given in *Nichols* IV. 401, may be of interest to some:—

Campbell Morris, of Loddington, Major 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, (named in *Nichols*) bapt. 27 June, 1771, died 27 Sept. 1817, had by Mary-Anne his wife, only dau. of Captain John Allen, (she died 11 Oct. 1855,) issue, four sons, and four daus., viz.

1. Charles Campbell, of whom hereafter.
2. Frederick, went to Ceylon, *mar.* and had a dau. Florence.
3. Robert Rosebrooke, of Brixworth, *mar.* Oct., 1832, Emma Harriet, 5th dau. of William Marshall, of Kettering, and died 25 March, 1861, having had issue by her nine children, viz.—Charles Robert, died Oct. 1833; Susan Emma, *m.* 7 April, 1864, George Chapman; Robert Edmund Kemp, died November 1881; Mary Annie; Margaret Eliza, *m.* 7 April, 1864, John James Hawkins, of Burnham, co. Essex; Grace Eleanor, died 23 Nov., 1865; Blanche Laura, *m.* 5 Feb., 1863, William Henry Chapman, Major of the Leic. Militia; Augusta Maraquitta; and Henrietta Bacon.
4. Edmund, died April, 1856.

1. Mary Henrietta,
2. Charlotte,
3. Charlotte Augusta,

all named in *Nichols*.

4. Mary Elizabeth, *b.* 1816, *mar.* Rev. George Ambrose Dimock,

B.A., of Wymondham, died *s.p.* May 1861, and *bur.* 15th, at Uppingham. He died 17 Febr. 1851, aged 34, and was buried 22nd at Uppingham

Charles Campbell Morris, (named in *Nichols*), of Loddington Hall, esq., died 5 June 1850, aged 50, having *mar.* Mary, 4th dau. & coh. of Vice-Admiral Thomas Rogers Eyles, R.N., and by her (who died 3 Nov. 1863) had issue, two sons, and four daus., viz:—

1. Charles Henry, formerly of Loddington Hall, *b.* 3 Febr. 1838, *mar.* 24 June, 1862, Ellen Wilkins, of Leamington, and has issue: Eva Annie Ellen, Edith Augusta Mary, and Lucy Georgiana.
2. Campbell Thomas Morris, esq., (Major in the Army).

1. Mary Charlotte, *mar.* Dr. Henry Eglington Seaman, and died Febr. 1877, at D'Urban, Port Natal.
2. Lavinia Rebecca.
3. Henrietta Susan, *mar.* 8 July, 1868, John Smeeton Phillips, esq., of the Manor House, Kibworth.
4. Rose Elizabeth Margaret, *mar.* 17 Oct., 1882, Henry Arnold Homer, of Leamington.

The *Arms* of Morris, quartering Bacon and Crane, are engraved in Throsby's Excursions, p. 294. This family has a direct descent from Joane of Acre, dau. of Edward I., through the families of Clare, D'Amory, Bardolf, Stapylton, Calthorpe, Hasilden, Peyton, and Bacon, Charles Morris, esq., having married, about 1670, Susannah, dau. and coh. of Sir Edmund Bacon, 4th bart. of Redgrave. An abstract of some deeds relating to Loddington will be found in Nichols IV. 403-5. Ed.]

Mr. Weatherhead also read the following Paper on the

TRANSFER OF SOME PROPERTY IN LEICESTER IN 1604.

The document, which I now produce, relates to the transfer of property in the heart of old Leicester town, and its interest is enhanced from the fact that both the vendor and purchaser (the latter more prominently) enacted important parts and did good service for and on behalf of this ancient Borough in the Tudor and Stuart period. In the following brief extracts, and as illustrative of the times, I deem it more fitting to adhere to the quaint style of orthography:—By indenture dated 2 James I., October 30, 1604, made "between Ralphe Chettell, of the Burrowe of Leicester, in the Countie of Leicr. woollen draper, and Elizabeth his wyfe, of the one parte, and Robert Heyrick, of the said Burrowe of Leicester, in the Countie aforesaid, ironmonger, one of the Aldermen of the said Burrowe, of the other parte." It was witnessed "that said Ralphe Chettell and Elizabeth his wyfe, in consideracon of the some of Thirtie and fyve poundes unto said Raphe and Elizabeth, by said Robert Heirick truely payed, did gyve, grant, bargayn, sell, alien, enfeoffe, &c., unto said Robert Heirick, his Heires, and Assigns for ever, all that Messuage or Tente., situate and being in

the ende of the streete in the Saturday Market stead, of the Burrowe of Leicester aforesaid, then in the tenure of one Raphe Turlington or of his Assigns, beinge wh. they p'chased, &c., of John Ossiter,* the younger, Dorothie his wife, and Margerie, her daughter, wth. the roomethes, apptenacs &c., wth. all theyr glasse, doores, waynscott, seeling, and other utensills, &c." The Habendum, after vesting the fee-simple in the purchaser, runs thus, "To be holden of the chieffe "Lord or Lords of the ffee or ffees thereof by the rente, & service thereof, theretofore due and of right accustomed." Executed by said Chettell and wife. Endorsement of the sealing, delivery, and peaceable possession and seisin, attested by seven witnesses, with the following mem.: "The said Raphe Chettle, standeth bounden unto the said Robt. Heirick in lxx*li* for pformance hereof" (referring to a bond). Seals, intact, one bearing the impress of the Cinquefoil signet of the Corporation.

Ralph Chettell was chosen Mayor 1591 (*temp.* Eliz). In 1604, the date of the above recited deed, Thomas Chettle (most probably a son of the said Ralph) occupied that important post. Robert Heyrick thrice filled the like honourable position, viz.: 1584, 1593, 1605, besides representing the Borough, *temp.* Eliz. 1588.

Robert Heyrick, born 1540 (*temp.* Henry VIII.) was the eldest son of John and Mary Heyrick. The remains of his exemplary, revered, and aged parents are deposited in the north chapel, or Heyrick's Chancel, of the Church dedicated to St. Martin, where an upright slab records in quaint phraseology, the story of this worthy couple. In the year 1618 Robert deceased, honoured and respected, and was interred in the same church, where, alongside the tablet of his parents, another, recording the good acts and deeds of the son, in the like homely phrase may be seen. The youngest brother of Alderman Robert Heyrick was Sir William Heyrick, the notable courtier, citizen, and goldsmith of London, and M.P. for Leicester 1600, 1605, 1620, and the first of the family name who purchased the charming and picturesque estate known as "Beaumanor," in 1595. For a very long term of years, two ancient portraits of the brothers, Robert and William, graced the walls of the Mayor's Parlour in the time-honoured old Guild Hall. I may here mention (coupled with some little regret) that soon after the erection of the New Municipal Buildings, 1876, these valuable relics of local interest were transferred from their old resting place to the Council Chamber of the new edifice. These notes concerning the brothers Heyrick have been purposely curtailed, for this valid reason, viz.,

* In 1632 Robert Awceter (Ossiter) left 20s. to St. Leonard's parish, for the poor, out of tenements in Abbey Gate. In 1634 Elizth. Ossiter left to the Corporation £100 in trust that they should distribute £6, yearly, among twenty poor housekeepers to buy coal. The poor of the parish of St. Margaret, have also 20s. a year left by Elizth. Awceter (Ossiter) in 1656, and now paid out of an orchard in Belgrave Gate, and given away in bread. The poor of the parish of St. Martin's have the yearly dole of 21s. from a slip of land in Abbey Gate, left by Elizabeth Awceter (Ossiter) in 1665.

that the biography of the family has been so judiciously and ably chronicled, and, I may add, well nigh exhausted in three valuable papers already contributed by members of this Society, two of whom (to the great loss of this and other kindred societies) have passed away; that I have studiously avoided needlessly trespassing on this present meeting, and as an act of due courtesy to the able compilers of those papers. Suffice it, therefore, to refer members interested in the matter to these several valuable contributions—*Vide* "Transactions," Vol. II., p. 2, "The Heyricke Letters, &c," by the late Mr. John Gough Nichols, F.S.A.; Vol. II., p. 43, "The Herrick Portraits," by the late Mr. James Thompson, F.R.H.S.; Vol. V., p. 108, "The Letters of Alderman Robert Heyricke," by Mr. Thomas North, F.S.A. "Altogether (says the late Mr. J. G. Nichols), in my opinion, it would be difficult to find, either in print or still in manuscript, a more interesting series of domestic correspondence than this of Robert Heyricke, the old Alderman of Leicester, and thrice Mayor thereof." The home of the Heyricks (the corner house of the Market Place and Cheapside) stood on the site of premises lately occupied by Mr. Griffin, and at this present time in the tenure of Mr. Richard Osmond. The grandfather, Thomas, lived and died here. The father, John, was born here, who bequeathed it to Robert, the subject of this memoir. From these facts it is fair to premise that the *locus in quo* of the property conveyed by the above recited indenture, would be Cheapside. It is curious and interesting to note the then (comparatively insignificant) consideration money 278 years ago, contrasted with the monetary value which would be realised for property in the same locale at the closing portion of the nineteenth century.*

The Rev. J. E. Stocks read a Paper on

ANCIENT CHARTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS LATELY DISCOVERED AT MARKET HARBOROUGH.

which has since been printed in the Volume of the Reports and Papers of the Associated Societies for the year 1882.

November 27th, 1882.

The Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A., in the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected Members:—Mr. A. T. Draper, Mr. J. D. Harris, and Mr. T. B. Kirby, all of Leicester; and Mr. J. W. Witts, of Market Harborough.

* £35 at that time would represent, or be equivalent to, say about £180 now.

It was Resolved unanimously that a complete set of the Transactions of this Society be presented to the Society of Antiquaries, London, and to the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and that the future numbers be sent to them when published.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By Mr. Agar for Mr. T. B. Kirby: Silver pennies of Egbeorht, Æthelred, Ethelstan (2), Eadgar, and Eadward the Martyr.

By Captain Whitby: A piece of oak from the Royal George, which was given by Admiral Sir Hugh Palliser to the late Mr. Costobadie.

By the Chairman: A medal struck by Pope Gregory XIII., concerning which the following notes were read :—

REFORMATION OF THE KALENDAR.

There appeared in the *Times* newspaper, some weeks ago, an elaborate article on the rectification of the Julian year, made under authority in the Roman States, exactly three hundred years ago, during the pontificate of Gregory XIII. (Boncompagni). A medal was struck in honour of the occasion. Its obverse presents the bust of the pontiff, bare headed; beneath are the letters L. PARM.; and above is the superscription, GREGORIVS XIII. PONT. OPT. MAXIMVS. On the reverse is seen inscribed ANNO. RESTITUTO. MDLXXXII., with the figure of a dragon, its tail in its mouth, and with the body coiled round so as to make a circle. Within this circle is the head of a ram, studded with four stars; from the horns of the ram's head hangs a wreath. These stars shew us what that is which is here symbolized, the celestial Ram, the Sign of the Zodiac, Aries, betokening the beginning of the year; which, at that period, fell when the sun is in Aries. The circle, formed by the coiled body of the dragon, stands obviously for the never ending course of time—a well known Gnostic symbol, old as the Egyptians and Phœnicians—only that they used a serpent and not the dragon to exhibit it. This difference on the medal is explained when we know the dragon to have been the armorial bearing of the Boncompagni family. The pendent wreath is a chaplet of success,—success in accomplishing a reform long needed. By the alteration of the Kalendar, commemorated on this medal, October 5th, 1582, became October 15th in Rome; and not only in Rome but in Spain, Poland, and other countries, the "new style" was adopted. England was slow to follow the lead thus given, for not until the reign of George II., 1752, did the alteration come. It was brought about by the Earl

of Chesterfield, author of the "Chesterfield Letters," then a Minister of the Crown. In spite of the fears of some amongst his colleagues and of popular prejudice, being supported by the learning of the President of the Royal Society, George, second Earl of Macclesfield, he carried a Bill through Parliament which provided that the legal year, in future, should commence on January 1st, and not as heretofore on March 25th; and that to correct the Kalendar, eleven nominal days should be suppressed in September, 1752, so that the day following the 2nd of that month should be styled the 14th. To this change there was in many persons a rooted feeling of dislike, so that resentment showed itself publicly, and when Lord Macclesfield's eldest son stood a contested election in 1754, for the County of Oxford, the cry against him at the hustings was, "Give us back our eleven days that you have stolen!" The exhibition of this medal seems appropriate in the year 1882. It was struck by Laurentius of Parma, one of a family distinguished in this branch of art at that period; and the letters on the obverse, L. PARM, form his signature.

Mr. T. North, F.S.A., contributed the following Paper on

A LEICESTERSHIRE POCKET-BOOK, 1685,

which was exhibited:—

I Exhibit a copy (imperfect for the last quarter of the year) of "*The Starry Messenger for the year of our Redemption,* 1685, by Henry Coley, Student in the Mathematicks and the Celestial Science." It is an Almanac containing Astronomical and Meteorological Observations with Astrological Predictions of the state of the year, &c. &c. These predictions both as to the weather and as to the effects of the movements of the heavenly bodies on the affairs of men are of the "Old Moore" type; indeed the former must have been considered too cautious, even by the most credulous, to be of much use in guiding them as to the coming weather. For instance in July the writer says:—

> "Seasonable weather at the beginning, at least for the first week, after which some few cooling showers will be acceptable. Yet the whole month in general may prove very grateful and good Hay Harvest weather to the great satisfaction of the Country Farmer whom I advise to make Hay whilst he may."

This almanac of two centuries ago is rendered the more interesting by having prefixed to it a number of leaves of paper on which are entered memoranda of receipts and payments made by the owner from February 1684-5 to the close of the year 1686.

Who this owner was is shewn I think, by a receipt for two years' rent stitched into the book and worded thus :—

January the 15th 1686: Received then of Thomas Wood of Woodhouse the sume of Six pounds of good & lafull mony of Enland for twoe years Rent due to me William Herricke of Beaumano^{r} Esqre at the feast of S^{t}. Michaell the Arch Angell last past I say Rec: in full for all rent due from him to me till then for the house he now lives in. £6 0 0

WILLIAM HERRICKE.

Moreover the Almanac and sheets of paper are bound together by a piece of parchment, part of a Deed in which the name of Wood appears as a party. This Thomas Wood (assuming him to have been the owner of the Book) was clearly bailiff or steward acting under the direction of William Herricke the younger, son of the William Herricke who signed the receipt for rent. "My master" frequently occurs in the entries, and under the date of the 21st March is "Paid my M^{r}. for his father £1. 13. 0" and again on the 15th of April 1685 the following memorandum was made :—

Sold then to John Harris of Quorn 8 oke timber trees: in Beaumano^{r} park for the sume of 15^{li} 10^{s} to be paid on midsomer day next coming: for which said trees I the said John Harris do hereby promis to pay the said sum of 15^{li} 10^{s} on the day aforesaid to William Herrick of Beaumano^{r} in ye County of Lec: the younger Esqr: witness my hand the day & yeare aforesaid.

JOHN HARRIS.

This William Herrick the younger was, as just said, the son of William Herrick Esq. (who was the grandson of Sir William Herrick the purchaser of Beaumanor in 1595; see vol. V. p. 111, *Transactions* of this Society) by Anne the daughter of William Bainbrigge, Esq. of Lockington. He—William Herrick sen.—succeeded to the estates upon the death of his father in 1671, being then forty-seven years of age. It was fourteen years after that date that the bailiff began to use the little book now before us, and he appears, as already intimated, to have been acting not under the immediate orders of William Herrick the then "Squire of Beaumanor" who did not die until 1693, but under those of his son "William Herrick the younger" who was then thirty five years of age, having been born in 1650.

The entries are very common place—and shew little more than the money value of labour, and the prices of some of the ordinary articles of use and consumption two centuries ago: as such however, they have their value, and the fact of the monies being spent,

and the articles being purchased, in this county adds somewhat, in our estimation, to their interest.

February 1684 [5].

	£	s.	d.
Paid Ripley for trenching	0	6	10
Paid my charges at Lo [ughborough]	0	1	6
Paid my charges at Lo. and Mount [sorrel]	0	0	8

There are many similiar entries to these, being the writer's personal expences when attending those places, and also Leicester and Quorn, on his master's business. He also made occasional entries of small sums of money advanced to his master out of stock in hand thus:

Paid my M^{r} by William 23 [Feby]	1	0	0
Paid my M^{r} 25 [March]	1	0	0
Paid Will. for my M^{r} p his noat	1	0	0

From the ordinary payments we extract:—

Paid Roobottom 12 days	0	7	0
Paid Tho. Roottom for 11 days	0	7	4
Paid Hugh Hill for 10 days	0	6	8

These would be labourers' wages, showing the rate to be about sevenpence per diem.

Paid for a hatt for my M^{r} 19	0	18	0
Paid for a water pot	0	2	4
Paid William for Oates 13	1	0	0
for 2 pound & half & one pound & half of butter ..	0	1	8
Paid ye fee farm rent ye 18 [April] 1685	22	10	0
Paid Mrs. An Barwell Aprill the 28. for a fether bed & bolster 3 carpits of brodcloth & one paire of bellowes 2 blankets	3	2	0
Paid for a bungrate for little Mis	0	0	6

"Little Miss" for whom this "bungrate" (what was it?) was purchased and who appears again in these accounts, was the daughter of William Herrick, Esq., "the younger" by his wife Dorothy the daughter of James Wootton, Esq.

Paid more to Mrs. Ann Barwell for another part of household goods	5	16	0
Paid for one paire of greay Hose	0	4	0
Paid Capt. Barnard May 11 one years's rent for the Farbrack	0	13	4
Paid for a Cow and Calf 14	4	0	0
Paid for a strike & a basket	0	3	6
Paid for a bed green & whit 5 Curtins 6 green [or great] stooles 5 Sacks 2 Cheesfats and a sater & a brush ..	2	8	0

	£	s.	d.
Paid Tho. Rawlins [a quarter's?] Levy to ye poore ..	0	7	0
Paid Hugh Hill for 3 days Kiding 30 [May]	0	2	0
Paid Eustis Theobals for a bull June 3	1	16	8
Paid for 2 frocks for litle Miss	0	2	6
Paid Mr. Herrick for ye Whitsun Sermon	1	0	0
Paid ye poore people then	1	0	0

These two entries refer to the custon established by Sir William Herrick of having a Sermon preached annually at Trinity Hospital, Leicester, for the benefit of the poor inmates on the Monday in Whitsun week. The preacher upon this occasion was "Mr. Herricke of Harborow" as we know from a memorandum in the account book, preserved at Beaumanor, of Mr. William Herrick the "my master" of the owner of the pocket book now under notice. Sir William Herrick and his successors at Beaumanor gave (until the year 1697) one pound annually upon the occasion of the Sermon to the preacher as his fee, and another pound to the collection for the poor inmates. (See *Transactions*, V., 134 and 159).

The Bailiff attended the service upon this occasion as the next entry testifies :—

Paid my charges at Leic. then	0	2	0
Paid for 2 brass fforks then	0	4	6
Paid for 2 Piggs June 11	0	16	0
Paid for 2 Cravats	0	4	0
Paid William for Coles 19	1	15	6
Paid him for 200 of goss	0	4	0
Paid for mending your watch	0	1	0
Paid for 8 pound of cherries	0	1	0
Paid for a drinking horne	0	0	10
Paid for pidgeons 2 dozen July 23	0	2	0
Paid for 2 Rakes at Quorn Aug. 5	0	0	6
Paid for ale for the moers & Heamakers	0	1	0

Wages were a shilling a day during Hayharvest.

Paid my Mr August 24 for fidler & pipers	0	0	6
(probably at "Harvest Home" festival).			
Paid for a qua^r^ of tobacko 27	0	0	6

There are other charges for tobacco which had been introduced into England just a century when this entry was made: its use spread so rapidly that King James declared in his "Counterblast" that some of the gentry bestowed "three and some four hundred pounds a yeere upon this precious stink," the use of which he described as "loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmfull to the brain and dangerous to the lungs."

	£	s.	d.
Paid for suit [suet] & peper & pipes at quorn ..	0	0	6
Paid for suger 2 pound & half & charges	0	1	2
Sent to London to pay for doing up Mrs. Hallis pettycote and for a box	0	4	6
Paid the weeks tax to Mr. Hanley	0	5	4
Paid him the Jale tax	1	0	4
Paid for 3 yards of muslin	0	6	0
Paid for a neckichif or scarf	0	1	8
Paid for five strike of oats 26	0	6	8
Paid for a fether bed bolster 2 blankets to Tho. Rawlings	1	16	0
Paid for chimney tax for B [eaumanor]	0	17	0
Paid for brest beef	0	3	7
Paid for two Almynaks	0	0	5
Paid my Mr Jan. 6 at my house	3	15	0
Paid for 60 flagons of ale for my M^{r}	0	5	0

The 6th of January being Twelfth day the ale was probably consumed at some gathering of Tenants on that day.

Paid for a paire of shews for Mr. William at Leic. 16 ..	0	0	10
Paid my charges then	0	1	0
Paid goody bransen for 2 cheses	0	4	6
Paid for a yard & half of flanill	0	2	6
3 pound of butter	0	1	3
2 henns	0	1	4
half a pound suger	0	0	3
Currants & reasons	0	0	5
Paid for a quier of paper	0	0	6
Paid for a paire of woster hose	0	2	8
Paid for a pair for my M^{rs}	0	4	0
Paid for a pair for little Miss	0	0	9
Paid Mr. Allsop for preaching the Whitsun Sermon and to ye poore	2	0	0
Paid for a hud (hood) for my M^{rs} then	0	5	0
Paid for a paire gloves	0	1	8
Paid for 3 bottles of wine (19 Aug. 1686)	0	4	0
One dozen cheres	1	10	0
Paid William for Coles 5 lodes	1	9	4
Paid for 2 striks of sault	0	3	3
Paid for sope 3 pounds	0	0	10
7 Putetor spoons	0	0	9
2 Cows at	7	17	6
2 Pairs of sheets	1	4	0
Looking glass	0	12	0
(Pewter plates, Napkins, &c., &c.).			

It would be tedious to quote more entries as there is nothing of special interest. The owner of the book refers on one page to an inscription "upon a wall in St. Edmond's Church" commencing:—

"Man it behoveth to have this in thy mind
That thou giveth with thy hand that thou shalt find"

. . . . .
. . . . .

On another page there are receipts of money from his master and from other sources on his master's account from which he made his payments, and on the last page there are entries of payments arising from the wandering of sheep from the open fields:—

	£	s.	d.
for crying 3 sheep at Loghburrow	0	1	0
for crying one at Mountsorrell	0	0	4
for crying one at Leic.	0	0	4
for saizeing and priseing the said sheepe	0	2	0

A breast of mutton, two hundred years ago, was purchased at Beaumanor for tenpence.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, contributed the following paper on

THE PARISH REGISTERS OF SOUTH CROXTON.

By the kind permission of the Rector of South Croxton, the Rev. Humphrey Noble, I was enabled to examine the Parish Registers of this ancient parish in August 1880. The following notes, which I then took, may prove of interest to some.

The earliest existing Register commences in 1662, and extends to 1718. It has this heading:

"South Croxton Regester Anno Dom. 1662."

The second volume extends from 1718 to 1770. From 1770 there is unfortunately a gap to 1800, after which date the Registers are complete to the present time. They are throughout legible, and in good condition. Nichols states that the Register prior to 1662 was burnt in 1713 by connivance of the clerk.

From these Registers we can obtain the following list of Rectors, which in some measure supplements the account given by Nichols:—

Robert Bridges, buried March 31, 1662.

Paul Balgay, 1662 to 1689. He was afterwards Rector of Beby. An abstract of his will is given in the Register, March 31, 1725, by which he left an annual rent-charge of 10s. to the poor of South Croxton.

Thomas Partridge, 1690 to 1699. Called "Sawbridge" by Nichols.

Philip Hackett, inducted June 26, 1700. Afterwards Vicar of All Saints' Leicester, and Confrater of Wigston's Hospital. He

died May 18, 1735, aged 71, and was buried in All Saints' Church. See Monumental Inscriptions to him, and his wife Jane, and son Philip, in Nichols' Leic. I. 553, 603. There is a pedigree of Hacket in Nichols' Leic. III. 238.

William Middleton, inducted July 12, 1735. He died March 26, 1765, and was buried at Hathern, where is a Monumental Inscription to his memory. He owned a considerable property at South Croxton; and was great-grandfather of the late Edward Chatterton Middleton, Esq., J.P., and D.L., of the Grove, Loughborough.

Robert Burnaby, 1770. Rector of Wanlip the same year.

Philip Hackett, 1770; (grandson of the former rector of the name;) died 27 March, 1801, aged 72; buried 31st in the chancel, where is an inscription on a flat stone to his memory, and another to his widow Elizabeth, who died March 13, 1814, aged 72.

William Wilkinson, 1801 to 1828. He was also Rector of Folksworth, co. Huntingdon 1807, of Loseby 1814, and of Sproxton and Saltby 1828. He married August 5, 1794, at Loughborough, Lucy, daughter of Wm. Cradock esq. of Loughborough, by Elizabeth (Davys) his wife, aunt to the Rt. Rev. Geo : Davys D.D. Lord Bishop of Peterborough. He died at Spalding, co. Lincoln.

John Ferdinando Wilkinson, 1828 (son of the preceding Rector). He died March 22, 1868, aged 64, and was buried at South Croxton, where is a Tablet to his memory on the North Wall of the Church, and a Tombstone in the Churchyard.

Humphrey Noble, 1868, still Rector in 1882. He is son of the Rev. John Noble, of Nether Broughton.

The following names occur in the Registers:—Allen, Lewin, Hames, Baresby, Saunderson, Goadby, Stevenson, Graves, Fletcher, Storer, Pick, Bosworth, Adcock, Mease, Shuttlewood, Litherland, &c.

The following extracts relate chiefly to the clergy, and their families:—

"Mr. Robert Bridges Rector was buryed ye last day of March 1662."

"Mary ye Daughter of Thomas Partridge & Margaret his wife baptized the 1st of October 1690."

"Will'm ye son of ditto baptized May ye 2, 1692."

"Charles ye son of ditto baptized May ye 26, 1699."

"South Croxton. Philip Hackett Clerk, was Inducted into y^{t} Rectory, by Robert Seagrave Vicar of Twyford on ye 26 of June, Anno X^{ti} 1700. He read ye 39 Articles of Religion, ye copy of His Certificate, & Gave his Assent & Consent on Sunday June ye 30, 1700."

"Charles, ye Son of Philip Hackett & Jane his Wife, was born 9^{br} ye 6th Baptized ye 30th -702."

"Clement, ye Son of Philip Hackett, by Jane his Wife, was Born & Baptised May 25, -703."

"Anno X^ti 1706. Baptiz^r Jane ye Daught^r of Ph^l Hackett Cler. & Jane his wife—May ye 7th."

"Buryed, Jone ye Daugh^r of Ph^l Hackett afores^d July ye 29th."

"Philip ye son of Philip Hackett, by Jane his wife, was Born and Baptized, May ye 6th, 1708."

"Baptized Frances daught^r of ditto November ye 9th 1708."

"Buryed „ „ „ „ April ye 26th 1711."

"1725. July 21. Wm. Son of Wm. & Mary Middleton Baptized. South Croxton July the 12th 1735. William Middleton Clerk was then Inducted into that Rectory by Joseph Ledbrooke Rector of Scraptoft on Sunday the Thirteenth day of July. He read the 39 Articles &c."

"1741. Olivia Wife of William Middleton Clerk Buried July ye 12th."

"1755. July 17. Marr: James Harley of Sileby & Elizabeth Adcock of South Croxton."

"1771. November 11. Marr: Philip Hackett Rector of South Croxton and Elizabeth Baresby of Baggrave."

"1801. Sept. 14. Marr: Samuel Ireland of Loughborough and Sarah Dann of South Croxton."

"1801. The Revd Philip Hacket æt. 72 of South Croxton died 27 Mar: & bur: 31 Mar:"

"1803. April 11. Marr: Philip Andrew Hacket and Elizabeth Clements of South Croxton."

"1804. John Ferdinando, son of Wm. & Lucy Wilkinson, born 21 Jan. and christened 24 Jan:"

"1804. Mary, daughter of Philip Andrew & Elizabeth Hacket, born 22 May, & privately christened 24 May, & received 9 June."

"1806. Ann, daughter of ditto, born 17 January, & christened 20 January."

"1806. Thomas son of Samuel & Eliz: Farmer, of Belton, born 24 May 1784, & christened 6 April 1806."

"1807. Jane, daughter of Philip Andrew & Elizabeth Hacket, born 10 Aug., & privately christened 10 August, & received 6 September."

"1809. Joseph Sheldon, son of Wm. & Lucy Wilkinson, born 27 July 1808, and christened 3 May 1809."

"1810. George, son of Philip Andrew & Elizabeth Hacket, born 19 December, & christened 21 December."

"1811. George, son of ditto, æt 1. 2 mos., died 8 Feb: and bur: 10th."

"1814. Elizabeth, widow of Revd Philip Hacket—of Osgathorpe—bur: 17 Mar: æt 72."

"1819. Marr: Sheldon Cradock and Eliz^th Firmadge of South Croxton, 25 January."

The Church is of perpendicular style, and consists of Nave, Chancel, and North Aisle. It contains Mon: Inscriptions to the Rev. Philip Hacket, and Elizabeth his widow, and to the Rev. John Ferdinando Wilkinson.

Mr. J. E. Weatherhead read the following Notes on a

FOURTEENTH CENTURY DEED RELATING TO HALLATON,

which he exhibited.

Fourteenth Century *Chirograph-deed.* It bears date the Feast of St. Michael, 3 Edward II. (1309), commencing with the customary greeting "Salutem in Domino," and purporting to be a grant in fee from one Isolda who had been the wife of Thomas-de-Derby of Billisdon, ("me in pura et legitima viduitate mea") to John Rydel (son of William Rydel) of Halugton, of all her Lands and Tenements which she had in the town of Halugton. The reddendum clause first stipulates for the Annual payment of 21s. for 20 years, viz.:—at Easter, 10s. 6d., and at Michaelmas, 10s. 6d; and after the 20 years, for the Annual payment of 20 marks, viz: —at Easter, 10 marks, and at Michaelmas, 10 marks. In the usual clause for warranty in lieu of the general operative words, "against all people" ("contra omnes gentes"), we find "contra omnes homines et feminas". The Testimonium clause is curious, of which the following is an extension; "In cujus rei testimonium predicta Isolda isti parti hujus scripti in modum Cyrographi confecti penes me dictum Johannem residenti sigillum suum apposuit." The word *Chirograph* or *Cyrograph* is a compound of two Greek words, signifying *hand-writing.* Formerly, when deeds (requiring a Counterpart) were more concise than at present, it was usual to write both parts on the same piece of parchment, with some word or letters of the alphabet written between them, through which the parchment was cut, either in a straight or indented line, in such a manner as to leave half the word on one part, and half on the other.

Deeds thus made, were denominated *Syngrapha* by the Canonists, and by the legal profession, *Chirographia* or hand-writings; the word *Cirographum* or *Cyrographum* (as in the example before us) being usually that which was divided in making the Indenture. And this custom was observed in making out the Indentures of a Fine (now abolished). So that in the event of any dispute arising as touching the authenticity or validity of the document, the counterpart was called for; and if upon production, they were found to fit or tally, it was proof incontestible of the genuineness of the transaction, beside which, both Grantor and Grantee, Feoffor and Feoffee were *de facto,* for ever estopped from averring aught contrary to their bona fide act and deed. Among the ancient MSS. contained in the Muniment Room of our Borough, will be found an example of a Cyrograph deed, viz., in a Charter from Simon-de-Montfort, Earl of Leicester, (*temp.* Henry III.) to the Burgeses of Leicester, remitting Bridge-silver and

Gable-pence, to them and their heirs for ever. A printed transcription, extension and translation of this document may be found in the "Index and Key to the Leicester MSS." by Mr. John Cordy Jeaffreson. I also find in our Muniment Room another interesting document (made after the manner of a Cyrograph), henceforth to be known as "the Great Charter of Leicester, viz., "Ordinances dated 6 Ed. I. (1277), of Edm[d] (Crouchback), first Plantagenet Earl of Leic[r], for the reform and amendment of the laws and procedure of the Court of Portmanmote of Leicester."

The witnesses to the Chirograph Deed now produced, are William Edwyne, John de Blaston, William the Smith, Geoffrey de Radeclive, Thomas de Crawnhou, (Cranoe) and William Sellwyn, all of Halug'ton, and others. The Seal is appended to the record.

The following is an extension of the old Charter:—

"Universis hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Isolda que fuit uxor Thome de Derby de Billisdon salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra me in pura et ligitima viduitate mea ad festum beati Michaelis Archangeli Anno Regni Regis Edwardi filij Regis Edwardi Tertio dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse Johanni Rydel filio Willielmi Rydel de Halugton et heredibus suis et assignatis suis quibuscumque, omnes terras et tenementa mea quas et que habui in villa de Halugton et in campis eiusdem cum pratis pascuis pasturis communibus libertatibus et omnibus aliis suis pertinenciis et aesiamentis, Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis predicto Johanni Rydel et heredibus suis et suis assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace et hereditate in perpetuum, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis et assignatis viginti et unum solidos sterlingorum per viginti annos proximo sequentes a die beati Michaelis Archangeli predicto anno Regni Regis Edwardi filij Regis Edwardi predicti Tertio ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad pascham domini decem solidos et sex denarios et ad festum beati Michaelis decem solidos et sex denarios, Et post predictos viginti annos reddendo annuatim mihi et heredibus meis vel meis assignatis viginti marcas sterlingorum ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad pascham domini decem marcas et ad festum beati Michaelis Archangeli decem marcas, Et faciendo insuper annuatim capitali domino feodi illius servicia inde debita et consueta ad predictas terras et tenementa predicta qualitercunque spectantia et forinseca servicia. Et ego predicta Isolda et heredes mei et assignati dicto Johanni Rydel et heredibus suis et assignatis suis quibuscumque omnes terras et tenementa predicta cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et aesiamentis per predicta servicia sicut predictum est contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus in perpetuum In cuius rei testimonium predicta Isolda isti parti huius scripti in modum Cyrographi confecti penes me dictum Johannem residenti sigillum suum apposuit. Hiis Testibvs, Will'mo Edwyn de Halughton, Joh'e de Blaston de eadem, Will'mo Fabro de eadem, Galfrido de Radeclive de eadem, ffet' Rydel de eadem, Thoma de Crawnhou de eadem, Will'mo Selewyn de eadem, et Aliis."

Mr. Weatherhead also exhibited a Declaration of Assent by Thomas Cade, Rector of Hallaton, to the Articles, 1608, certified by William Bishop of Lincoln; and read the following notes thereon:—

I give a translation of this document, appending a few notes of Topographical and Biographical interest:—

"To all and singular Christ's faithful people, to whom these present letters testimonial shall come, William, by Divine Providence Bishop of Lincoln (sends) greeting in the Lord—Know ye that on the fourth day of the month of October, in the year of the Lord 1608, and in the first year of our translation, within our Manor of Buckden in the county of Huntingdon, "Constitutus personaliter coram nobis Thomas Cade, Clericus, Artium Magister, presentatus ad rectoriam de Halloughton, vulgo appellatam 'Le South Parsonage, in comitatu Leycester,' before his admission or institution voluntarily in our presence, subscribed and assented to all and singular the Articles of the Christian faith, in which there was agreement made by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the whole Clergy in the Synod of London, in the year of the Lord 1562, for the removal of differences; and promises that he would observe and defend the Doctrine which is contained in them, as in truth, agreeable to the truth of the Divine word.—In witness whereof, we have caused our Episcopal Seal to be affixed to these presents—Given in the year, day, month, and place aforesaid."

[Signed] W. LINCOLN. [Seal wanting.]

At the ancient village of Buckden, or Bugden, still stands the venerable Episcopal palace, formerly the residence of the Bishops of Lincoln. It is situate in the centre of the village, and, I believe, partly surrounded by a moat. The manor itself was held in the reign of Henry I. by the Abbot of Ely, who it appears, granted the same to the Bishops of Lincoln, in return for the leave given to him to "make his Abbacy a Bishopric." In 1832 the living was a discharged vicarage in the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon and Diocese of Lincoln, valued in the King's Books at £8, and in the patronage of the Bishop of Lincoln. It now belongs to the See of Ely, and is in the patronage of the Bishop of Peterborough. Camden, treating of the County of Hunts., after recording the existence of two small springs, the one against that fearful scourge leprosy, the other against affections of the eye, goes on to state, "Inde haud procul salutat usa Bugden elegantes Episcoporum Lincolniensium aedes." Halloughton (now Hallaton) Rectory, cum Blaston-St-Michael curacy, is a benefice in the diocese of Peterborough, the patrons being C. Bewicke, Esq. and Rev. G. C. Fenwicke.

William Barlow, D.D. was Prebend in St. Paul's 1601, also installed Prebendary of Westminster 1601, Dean of Chester 1602,

Prebendary of Canterbury 1605, elevated to the See of Rochester 1605, from whence in 1608 he was translated to Lincoln. When Dean of Chester, he drew up by direction of Archbishop Whitgift, an account of the celebrated conference at Hampton Court between the Puritans and the Established Church Clergy. He died at Buckden 1613. When Robert Devereux Earl of Essex was condemned, he (Dr. Barlow) received orders from the council to attend that unfortunate nobleman in the Tower, and at his execution, in consequence of which on the Sunday following, he preached at Paul's Cross, where he gave an account of all that passed between him and the Earl, with the particulars of his Lordship's confession.

This Sermon was afterwards printed, but it is extremely rare, and has escaped the notice of the biographers of Essex. Thus we find attached to these letters testimonial, the autograph of a Divine, whose sad duty it was to minister to, and be present at the execution of this great, but ill-fated nobleman; and (as history goes) one towards whom Elizabeth entertained no ordinary esteem.

ANNUAL MEETING.

January 29th, 1883.

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The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A. in the chair.

A letter from the Sub-Librarian of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, was read, thanking the Society for the present of a set of its *Transactions*.

The Secretaries having reported that the Lincolnshire Archæological Society had declined to hold a joint meeting with this Society this summer, it was unanimously resolved that the summer excursion be made to Harborough and the neighbourhood, and a sub-committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements.

The offer made by the Shropshire Archæological Society to exchange Transactions, was accepted.

It was decided to print Mr. Stock's paper on "Ancient Charters discovered at Market Harborough," in the forthcoming volume of the Associated Society's Reports and Papers.

Arthur Toller, Esq., of Stoneygate, was elected a member of the Society.

The following audited TREASURER'S STATEMENT for 1882 was read :—

RECEIPTS.

1882.		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	Balance from last Account	43	19	8
Dec. 31.	Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year	95	1	6
	Books sold ..	0	6	9
		£139	7	11

PAYMENTS.

1882.	£	s.	d.
Grant for Transactions ..	35	0	0
Hall-keeper	0	9	0
Purchase of Drawings, &c., of Roman Pavement ..	21	0	0
Mr. North's Church Bells of Lincolnshire	2	2	0
Williamson, for Volume for 1881	42	2	10
Clarke, Printing, &c.	7	15	4
Ditto Rent	5	0	0
Advertising	2	15	10
Cheques	0	2	0
Balance	23	0	11
	£139	7	11

1883.—Jan. 1. Balance in hand, £23 0s. 11d.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS HOLYLAND, *Auditor.*

After which

THE REPORT

Of the Committee for the year 1882 was read as follows :—

IN this, the twenty-eighth Report of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, we have little new to communicate. The Annual Summer Excursion took place on July the 26th and 27th, when Coventry and Warwick were the towns chosen for our instruction. The first day was devoted to *Coventry*, where the Members carefully inspected *S. Mary's Hall*, *S. Michael's*, and other churches of interest; *S. John's Hospital;* and the *Grey and White Friars*, under the kind and able guidance of W. G. Fretton, Esq., and M. H. Bloxam, Esq., the venerable author of *Principles of Gothic Architecture*. Our best thanks are due to both these gentlemen. On the second day the party divided, some of the Members preferring to examine the ruins of Kenilworth, while others proceeded to Warwick and visited the *Castle*, *S. Mary's Church*, and the *Leicester Hospital*. Our thanks are due to the London and North Western Railway Company for kindly consenting to issue tickets for this excursion at a reduced rate.

In March last, your Society sent an invitation to the Lincoln Society to request the Members to pay Leicester a visit during the summer. It was, however, found impracticable to arrange for a visit at that time, and in the month of May it was resolved that the Lincoln Society be requested to come to Leicester during the present year. A communication, however, has been received stating, to our great regret, that they are unable to do so.

Since our last Report the following Papers have been read :—1. *A Melton Schoolmaster*, by T. NORTH, ESQ., F.S.A.; 2. *Notes on the last verses of Sir Walter Scott*, by the Rev. DR. DICKSON; 3. *On the Conveyance of the Manor of Loddington*, by Mr. J. E. WEATHERHEAD; 4. *On the transfer of some property in Leicester*, by the same; 5. *On Ancient Charters, &c., discovered at Market Harborough*, by Rev. J. E. STOCKS; 6. *A Leicestershire Pocket-Book*, by T. NORTH, ESQ., F.S.A.; 7. *The Parish Registers of South Croxton*, by Rev. W. G. D. FLETCHER. Various objects of interest have been exhibited at the bi-monthly meetings, among which may be

mentioned an ancient miniature on ivory, which has been for many years in the possession of the Harcourt Family. It is a portrait of Prince Charles Stuart, grandson of King James the Second. Your Committee have obtained by purchase some valuable drawings of the Roman Pavement of the Jewry Wall, Leicester, executed by Mr. HALL, and they hope eventually to publish them. Your Committee deeply regret the loss during the past year of three old and valuable members of this Society, the Rev. S. G. Bellairs, of Goadby Marwood; Major Freer, of Billesdon Coplow; and the Rev. H. K. Richardson, of Leire. No very important work of church restoration has been undertaken in the last twelve months; but the Parish Church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, which has been for some time under repair, has been re-opened. The cost of the restoration was £12,000. The church at Rotherby has been put into perfect order, under the hands of Mr. W. Millican, of Leicester. New roofs have been placed on the nave, chancel, and south aisle; the old seats have been taken away, and new oak seats substituted; the south porch has been rebuilt, and a vestry added, the cost being about £800. The church of Stoney Stanton has been partially restored. At Frisby-on-the-Wreake the belfry has been thrown open to the nave, and a handsome reredos erected. A reredos has also been placed in the church at Thurlaston. Narborough Church is at present under repair. At Sproxton, where the church is being restored, a very perfect and interesting stone coffin has been discovered outside the foundation of the south wall of the chancel. Fragments of smaller stone coffins have also been found. The jambs of the old east window had been built into the wall, and are now brought to light, as well as part of a spiral staircase which had evidently led up into the rood-loft.

The Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Committee, were confirmed and adopted.

All the Members of the Committee and the Officers of the Society were re-elected for the ensuing year; and the following gentlemen added to the Committee:—

Francis Bigge, Esq., of Carlton Hall; the Rev. J. E. Stocks, of Market Harborough; and the Rev. Andrew Trollope, of Carlton.

VOTES of thanks were unamiously passed to the Mayor of Leicester for his permission to use the Library at the Old Town Hall for the meetings of this Society; to the local press for reporting the proceedings for the past year; and to the Committee, Secretaries, and Auditor for their services.

The following objects were exhibited:—

By the CHAIRMAN: The History and Antiquities of Northants, by John Bridges; in which are some good engravings of Peterborough Cathedral.

By the REV. A. F. TOLLEMACHE: A circular pipkin or bowl of roughly glazed earthenware, found at Whitwick above a skeleton near the old castle.

By REV. A. TROLLOPE: Two Papal Bullae. "Bulla," or leaden seal of Innocent IV. (Fieschi) Pope, 1243-54, A.D. Obv: Enclosed in a beaded circle two faces, bearded; between the faces a long stemmed cross; over one face is SPA (ulus), over the other SPE (trus). Rev: Within a beaded circle INNOCENTIVS P. P. IIII. Another of John XXIII. (Baldassare Cossa), Pope, 1410, deposed by the Council of Constance 1415. Obv: Precisely like the first. Rev: IOHANNES: P. P. XXIII: (old English). The difference of lettering constitutes the sole difference in the character of these

two "bullae." Mr. Trollope stated that they were found some time ago at Lincoln. It is from these leaden seals that the letters, issued from the papal chancery, came to be called "Bulls." They were written on parchment, and to them was attached by a hempen string one of these lead seals; though if the "bull" was an act of Grace or Mercy, the string was of silk. In England it was declared in the reign of Queen Elizabeth an act of treason to procure, to publish, or to put in use a Papal Bull. In affairs of the highest consequence the seal was of gold—such were styled "Golden Bulls." Besides papal there were imperial bulls, and such a one is said to be preserved at Frankfort, with the golden "bulla" still attached to it. We must be careful not to restrict the term bull to those letters which were issued by a pope. Of course the word has a classical usage, for its origin is classical. With the Romans it meant a round ball-shaped ornament, or boss of metal. They were worn, suspended from the neck, by the children of both sexes of the rich and great, made of gold for them; children of freedmen, would wear them of leather. There is a fine specimen of golden bulla preserved in the British Museum, which is figured in Smith's "Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities."

By the Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A.: A lock of Edward the Fourth's hair. Exhibited by permission of John Entwisle, Esq., of Foxholes, in the county of Lancaster, and of Kilworth House, North Kilworth, in this county. A thin lock of hair, in a crystal case, on the rim of which is engraved in xviii. century characters, "The hair of Edward the Fourth, King of England, buried at Windsor, anno 1483." In the Annual Register of 1789, under the date 13th of March, we read, "The workmen employed in new paving the choir of St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, discovered a decay in the stones which closed up the entrance into the vault where Edward IV. had been deposited. Two of the Canons and the Surveyor entered the vault, viewed the royal body enclosed in a leaden and a wooden coffin, reduced to a skeleton, which measured six feet three inches. The skull reclined to the left or north side, with a quantity of long brown hair which had fallen off it, but no traces of envelope or cerecloth nor any rings or other insigna. On the king's coffin lay another of wood, only much decayed, which contained the skeleton of a woman, which from marks of age about the skull, was supposed to be that of the Queen, Elizabeth Widville, who died three years (?) after him in confinement at Bermondsey Abbey. . . On the walls of the vault was written in chalk in abbreviated characters of the time, Edward, or Edwardus IV., and several names of workmen or assistants at the funeral." The King died April 9th, owing to disappointment through a failure in negotiation as to his eldest daughter's marriage with the Dauphin, so men said; another writer,

however, relates that "one of the personal results of his voluptuous life attacked him at Exeter, and on the 9th of April, 1483, he suddenly expired, before he had completed his forty-first year, in the twenty-third year of his reign." He was buried with great pomp at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, "having been exposed immediately after his death upon a board, naked from the waist upwards, during ten hours, that he might be seen by all the Lords, spiritual and temporal, and by the Mayor and Aldermen of London."—"Chronicle of the White Rose of York," p. 263. This volume has for its frontispiece the portrait of King Edward, taken from the original painting in the possession of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House. The King is represented wearing a black velvet cap, jewelled, which covers brown hair, worn long, underneath EDWARD REX. QUART. in old English. Sir Thomas More's description of his appearance, quoted in this Chronicle, is "he was a goodly personage, very princely to behold, of visage lovely, of body knightly, strong and clean made, howbeit in his latter days, with over liberal diet, somewhat corpulent and burley, yet not uncomely. His popularity was increased by very attractive manners. On one occasion he asked a rich old lady what she would give him towards the war, "For thy lovely face," she answered, "thou shalt have twenty pounds," being twice as much as the King expected; whereupon he thanked and kissed her, upon which she doubled the sum she had promised."

Exhibited by permission of George Ashby Ashby, Esq., of Naseby Woolleys, Northants, a bronze engraved mount of a wooden scabbard, for a short sword or dagger. This was recently dug up on the school premises at Naseby, and may be of the period comprised by the fourteenth and fifteenth century.

By MR. S. KNIGHT: A groat of Edward III., Calais Mint, found at Countesthorpe. Soon after the conquest of Calais by Edward III., in the year 1347, a mint was established and the proper officers appointed. Description:—Obverse: EDWARD. DEI. G. REX. ANGL. DNS. HYB. Z. AQT. Head and crown in a double tressure of nine arches, annulet on breast. Reverse: Outer circles, POSUI. DEUM. ADIVTOREM. MEV. Inner circle, VILLA CALESIE. Cross extending to the outside of the Coin; Pellets within the inner circle.—See Ruding, Plate III., No. 10.

April 2nd, 1883.

THE REV. J. H. HILL, F.S.A., in the chair.

The following noblemen and gentlemen were elected members of this Society:—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Wilton, of Egerton Lodge, Melton; Lord Aberdour, of Loddington Hall, Uppingham; Thos.

Hardcastle, Esq., of Bradshaw Hall; Ewins Bennett, Esq., of Marston Trussell Hall, Harborough; the Rev. Arthur W. P. Pulteney, of Ashley Rectory, Harborough; Fredk. Crick, Esq., of Rupert's Rest, Glen; the Rev. Wm. Chippendall, of Tilton, Leicester; Joseph Trueman Wills, Esq., of Husbands Bosworth, Rugby; Robt. Edwin Lyne, Esq., F.S.A., Royal Dublin Society, Dublin; Alex. Duncan, Esq., Knossington Grange, Oakham; the Rev. G. Jackson, Gilmorton Rectory, Lutterworth.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By J. Bradshaw Isherwood, Esq., of Welford, and Marple Hall, Cheshire: A line engraving of Oliver Cromwell, printed on satin with an edging of silver lace; the lace tarnished, and the satin in several places frayed. The General is represented in armour, with bare head, his right hand holds a baton, the left rests on his sword; on the right is seen a page adjusting the sash which is tied round his waist. Beneath are the arms of the Cromwell family, shewing their quarterings, and above the shield is a knight's helmet. Military trophies form a wreath which encloses both. On either side of the arms is a wreath of palm and laurel enclosing the initials in monogram O. C. Then follows this inscription:—OLIVERIVS CROMWELL EXERCITVVM ANGLIÆ REIPVBLICÆ DVX. GENERALIS LOCVMTENENS ET GVBERNATOR HIBERNIÆ. OXONIENSIS ACADEMIÆ CANCELLARIVS. Parliamento Reipublicæ Anglicanœ (sic) Hanc Sui Ducis effigiem offert. Dicat, consecratque omni officiorum genere mancipatus Petrus Lombardus.—Bompert (?) Sculpsit. . . The coat of arms, together with the inscription, date the engraving. Cromwell was made Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1649; Captain General of Forces, in place of Fairfax, in 1650; and, not until 1653, Lord Protector, when he assumed the arms of England, Scotland, and Ireland, quarterly, with an escutcheon bearing his paternal arms supported by a lion and a dragon. Cromwell visited Oxford in May, 1649, and was entertained in the Hall of Magdalen College, where (as Antony Wood remarks) he "had good cheer and bad speeches." After dinner they played at bowls on the College Green; and the Convocation being afterwards held, he and Fairfax were admitted, with the usual ceremonies, to the degree of Doctor of Civil Law. He became Chancellor 1st January, 1650, but resigned the office 3rd July, 1657, when his son Richard Cromwell succeeded him, and retained the Chancellorship until 8th May, 1660, when he also resigned it. The engraving has somewhat suffered by being so long folded up in a sage green roll of satin, edged with silver lace.

By the Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A.: Silver Penny of Æthelred II., King of England, 978-1016, succeeded to the crown on the murder of Eadweard, his half-brother. Like Hawkins' "*Silver Coins of England*," Plate xvi., 107. Struck at Leicester, and very rare. Obverse: The King's head, bare, but with the hair

curiously expressed by lines. ÆTELRED REX ANGLO. Reverse: An open cross, extending to the edge of the coin, and terminating in three crescents. ÆLFPINE. MO. LEIC. Ælfwine monetarius Leicester, moneyer of Leicester. Six pennies of the same King, of other mints, Canterbury, Rochester, London, Winchester, and Huntingdon,—presenting other types.

By Mr. Samuel Knight: Silver Medal struck to commemorate the taking of Vigo from the Spaniards. On the 22nd October, 1702, the combined English and Dutch fleets, under Sir George Rooke, with twelve thousand troops commanded by the Duke of Ormond, attacked and destroyed the French and Spanish fleets in Vigo Bay, capturing a large booty. Gold and silver coins were struck from the bullion taken in the engagement, and bear under the bust of Queen Ann the inscription VIGO. Obverse of medal: Bust of Queen Anne, draped and crowned. ANNA DEI GRA. MAG. BR. FR. ET HIB. REGINA. Reverse: French and Spanish fleets within Harbour attacked by those of England and Holland. CAPTA ET INCENSA GAL. ET HISP. CLASSE. in ex., AD VIGUM, XXII. OCTR. MDCCII. Also a set of silver coins with VIGO under bust, crown, half-crown, shilling, and sixpence.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: A Grant, dated 1391, on vellum, in the old law-latin, for the loan of which I am indebted to Mr. Thomas Bunney, the following being a translation:—"Know all present and to come, that I, Walter Clerk, have given and granted, and by this my present deed, have confirmed unto Henry Gaddesby, of Leicester, and Anne his wife, two cottages, situate near the North Gate, in the said town of Leicester, lying between a tenement of —— (name eroded) on the north part, and a tenement in the same town, on the south part, and extending from the king's highway to land of —— (name obliterated) situate on the east part. To have and to hold the said two cottages to the aforesaid Henry Gaddesby, his heirs and assigns for ever. Rendering, therefore, for me, to the Duchy of Lancaster of their fee, two roses (the adjective "red" or "white" being eroded) at the feast of St. John the Baptiste. And I, the aforesaid Walter Clerk, and my heirs and executors, will warrant and defend the aforesaid two cottages, to the aforesaid Henry Gaddesby and Anne his wife, their heirs and assigns, against all people for ever. In witness whereof to this my present deed, I have placed my seal. These being witnesses: Geoffrey Clerk, then Mayor of the Town of Leicr.; William —— (name defaced) then bailiff there; John Cook; William —— (name defaced); Roger Seynlowe (?); John Prentys; (name eroded), and many others. Given at Leicester, Friday, in the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel; in the year of the reign of King Richard the Second, after the Conquest, the 15th ——." The seal wanting.

Also by Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: Release or quit claim dated 1542, whereby the releasor, one John Braunston, sends "greeting

in the Lord everlasting," and proceeds to quit-claim for ever, to a certain Ranulph Knight, one cottage with the appurts., situate in a certain street called Senvi Gate, in the suburbs of Leicester, between land late of John Davy on the east, and land of the College of the Dean and Chapter, near the Castle of Leicester on the west, and extending from the said street even to the Fosse (or Trench) of the town of Leicester." The witnesses being Robert Gaddisby, then Mayor of the town of Leicester (tunc Maiore Leicestrie), Thos. Catlyn, the then Bailiff (tunc Ballivo), and others. The conclusion is interesting, as recording the distinctive title or style of the King as compared with that of his predecessors:—"Dated the 27th day of April, Anno Regni Henrici Octavi, Dei gratia, Angliæ, et Franciæ Regis, fidei defensoris, Dominus Hiberniæ, et in terra supremi capitis Anglicanæ Ecclesiæ, tricesimo tercio." Seal wanting. The title of "Fidei defensor" was decreed to Henry VIII. 1521, by a bull of Leo X., as the Royal author of a work (presented to the Pope in full conclave) entitled "De septem sacramentis contra Martinum Luther heresiarchon." Henry VIII., was first acknowledged as supreme head of the Church of England by the clergy in 1528; and this supremacy was confirmed by Parliament, to him, his heirs and successors, kings of this realm, in 1534 by the statute of 26 Henry VIII., c. 1, entitled the "Act of Supremacy." This Act was repealed by 1 and 2 Phil. and Mary c. 8 (1554) but subsequently re-enacted 1 Eliz., c. 1 (1559). The title of King of Ireland was confirmed to the English sovereigns 1543.

By the Chairman: A coin of Constantine found in the parish of Ashley, close to Medbourne Boundary, representing a full length figure of Phebus. Inscription, Imp. Constantianus, Aug. se, Soli invicto., Comiti. Also a History of Stamford, 2 vols, date 1785.

By Colonel Bellairs: Farthing of William III.

By Rev. A. M. Rendell: Survey of Coston in 1660, taken by Mr. Vincent Wing.

The Rev. C. F. R. Palmer, of St. Dominic's Priory, Maitland Park, Haverstock Hill, London, contributed the following Paper on

THE FRIAR-PREACHERS OR BLACKFRIARS OF LEICESTER.

The Order of Friar-Preachers sprang out of a band of seven or eight Spanish and French priests, who went about Languedoc in the South of France, preaching in opposition to the powerful and rising sect of the Albigenses. This band was led by Dominic Guzman, a Spaniard of noble birth, who was born in the year 1170, at Calaruega in the kingdom of Old Castile, and became a Canon-Regular in the cathedral of Osma. He had been thus labouring in

France for ten years, when he realized the idea suggested by the spiritual needs of the age and welfare of the church, in the establishment of a religious Order uniting the asceticism of monastic life with the active ministry; which would go far towards remedying the prevailing evils. In the year 1215, Dominic laid the foundation of his Order at Toulouse, with a community of seven brethren. The Order was approved and confirmed, December 22nd, 1215, by pope Honorius III. who gave it the title of Friar-Preachers.

The government of this religious body of men was wholly legislative, based on the mild and pliant Rule of St. Augustin, yet subject directly to the supreme authority of the Roman See. It was centred in a master-general, while the provinces which national and local distinctions required were ruled by provincial priors, and the charge of each house was committed to a prior. The master-general was elected in a general chapter of the Order made up of deputies from each province; the provincial prior, in a provincial chapter of those members of the associated communities, who by learning or influence had acquired an elective right; and the conventual prior, in an assembly of the community. The houses were called indifferently, *Friaries*, as containing a number of Freres (brothers), or *Priories*, from their governing head.

As ascetics the Friar-Preachers were bound, explicitly by the vow of obedience to the Rule of St. Augustin and to the constitutions regulated by the legislature; and implicitly by the vows of chastity and poverty. The austerities consisted in, the choral recitation of the divine office with the celebration of mass every day, and vigils of the dead eventually changed for the weekly office of the dead; claustral silence with study; perpetual abstinence from flesh-meat, and fasting from Holy Cross day (Sept. 14th) to Easter, with a strict advent and lent; and the exclusive use of woollen in clothing and bedding. The full habit consisted of a tunic (with a leathern girdle) and a loose scapular and a capuce, all white; and in public, and during winter in choir, a black cappa or cloak and capuce. Shoes and stockings were enjoined. On account of the cappa came the popular name of Blackfriars in England, although the same designation was sometimes given to the black-robed Friars or Hermits of St. Augustin. They were also termed Jacobins or Jacobites, especially in France, from their great house of St. Jacques at Paris. From the fifteenth century the name of Dominicans has distinguished them as followers of St. Dominic.

The vow of poverty not only forbade the personal possession of property, but even shut out the Order from holding in common any rents or lands beyond the site and shelter necessary for churches and dwellings. Thus stripped of all revenues the Friars were cast on the charity of the people for their maintenance, and

subsisted on alms begged mostly from door to door. And so was founded the first of the four great Mendicant Orders. But as times and customs changed, the rule was modified, at first in isolated cases by lawful authority, till at last pope Sixtus IV. by a bull dated April 13th, 1478, allowed the whole Order to possess lands, revenues, and other real property, and the general chapter celebrated in the same year at Perugia enforced the decree, which the Council of Trent afterwards approved. Thus the quest of alms was extinguished; and the vow of religious poverty became purely personal, not inflicting, indeed, the sordid and grinding want of the abject poor, but entailing the religious disability to hold the unsanctioned dominion of any property, and curbing needless expenses.

As teachers of the people these Friars exercised their ministry, untrammelled with those parochial duties and local ties, which would have absorbed their energies and crippled their action. They went up and down all the country preaching, hearing confessions, and celebrating mass and administering the holy communion. They taught from the professor's chair in the universities, established schools, and wrote copiously on almost every branch of divine and human sciences.

Such continues to be the constitution of the Dominican Order at the present day.

The patriarch of the Friar-Preachers died, August 6th, 1221, at Bologna, and was canonized, July 3rd, 1234, by pope Gregory IX. He had seen his Order, within five years, overspread Spain, France, Italy, and Germany, divided into seven provinces, and possessing sixty convents. He established the eighth province of England about two months before his decease. From the second general chapter held in the end of May at Bologna, he sent thirteen brethren into England. These Friars reached London, August 10th, and Oxford August 15th, where they built an oratory, and began their charge of teaching in the university and preaching throughout the land. The Order made rapid progress, and spread from England into Ireland and Scotland. Within seventeen or eighteen years, in England they had fifteen sites; in 1277, there were forty convents in England and Wales, and at the general suppression in 1538, the number had increased to fifty-two convents with two subsidiary houses, and one establishment of Sisters of the Order engaged in the training and education of young persons of their own sex. The success of the Friars was mainly due to the influence which they obtained at the royal court under Henry III. and kept up till the House of Lancaster displaced the House of Anjou on the throne, after which their courtly prestige gradually waned. The greater number of their priories were founded by kings or nobles or persons in the upper ranks of life; some rose out of the piety of wealthy commoners; and a few were given by the clergy.

The Friar-Preachers established themselves at Leicester in the earlier part of the reign of Henry III., but in what year is unknown, and who was the first patron or founder becomes a matter of conjecture, though the opinion of Nichols and the historians of the town of Leicester is supported by collateral evidence, against which there is nothing to oppose.

Now there was at this town an ancient parish church dedicated to St. Clement, the patronage of which belonged to the Abbey of St. Mary de Pratis, and in the year 1220, it was returned that the vicarage was so poor, that it scarcely sufficed to support a chaplain. The *Matriculus dni. Ep. Linc. de omnibus ecclesiis in Archd. Leic'*., 1220, thus records it: "Ecclesiæ S. Clementis patronus idem Abbas [Sanctæ Mariæ de pratis Leic.] quæ vix sufficit ad sustentationem capellani,"* Nothing later is found concerning this church, which disappears entirely from view; within seventy years it had ceased to belong to St. Mary's Abbey, for it is not mentioned in the *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* of pope Nicholas IV. in 1291, nor in the *Taxatio spiritualium bonorum et temporalium Abbatis et Conventus Leicestrensis* in 1292. Hence it would seem either that the church had been destroyed, or what is far more probable had passed into the possession of a Mendicant Order, whose scanty possessions had the privilege of exemption from taxation and subsidies; and when it is found that the priory church of the Friar-Preachers was dedicated to St. Clement, pope and martyr, it becomes as certain as it is possible to be without direct evidence of the fact, that the old parish church was given to these Friars by the Canons Regular of St. Augustin of St. Mary Pré or de Pratis at this town. The church stood within the town wall, between the North Gate on the East, and the river Soar on the West: the attached parish (which by their rule the Friars might not administer) was united chiefly to that of All Saints, perhaps in part to that of St. Nicholas. This transfer of the church may be dated about 1245; for the Friars were certainly at Leicester in 1252. A delegation was sent to the guardians of the Friar-Preachers and Friar-Minors of Leicester by pope Innocent IV. in the tenth year of his pontificate, to hear and determine a difference concerning tithes (at Bakewell, it is believed, in Derbyshire) between the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield and the Cluniac Prior and Convent of Lenton in Nottinghamshire; and the guardian of the Friar-Minors finished the commission "die sabbati post Purificationem S. Mariæ, A.D. 1252."†

If the Friars received possession of the church and churchyard of St. Clement, they had then only to secure sufficient ground for the site of their cloistral dwelling and offices, and for a small homestead to supply their immediate wants. Stow states that the Blackfriars' house here was founded by an Earl of Leicester; but

* Cotton MSS. Nero D x. † Tanner, Not. Mon.

if the authority he quotes, "rec. 18 Edw. III.," refers only to the inquisition of that date, it is shown there at most, that the Friars had acquired some land from Henry Plantagenet, who held the earldom from 1324 to 1345. Still Stow is probably correct; and the founding of the house, if not of the church, must be set down to the famous Simon de Montfort, who was made Earl of Leicester in 1230, and was slain at the battle of Evesham in 1265. The Priory held a considerable piece of land pertaining to the Honour of the Castle of Leicester, for which land the yearly rent of 3*s.* was paid; and it could have been obtained only through the favour of Earl Simon.

The Friars had also another piece of land, at the rent of 14*d.*, rendered every year to the Cistercian Abbey of Garendon: the *Registrum Abbatiæ de Gerondon** throws no light on this payment; but the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* of 1535 sets down among the rents and farms of divers tenants of that house "in Leicester, xiiij*d.*"

It was probably for land the Friars had obtained as their site that the Premonstratentian Abbot and Convent of Croxton bestowed on them in charity an annual rent of 12*d.* and two capons given to the Abbey by Peter, Rector of Eastwell, from a messuage in the parish of St. Clement, in the tenure of Richard de Walton. The *Reg. vocat.* "*Domesdey Cœnobii de Croxton*" (fol. 28a) has this entry: "Habemus in Leycestria . . . . 6. Item habemus de Dono Petri quonda' Persone de Estwelle annuu' Redditu' xii*d.* & ii. Caponu' in eadem Villa in puram Eleemosina', recipiendu' de quodam Mesuagio in Parochia S. Clementis, quod Ricardus de Walton tenuit. Quem quide' Redditu' Fratres Predicatores manentes in Leycestria habent de dono nostro, Intuitu Caritatis, imperpetuu'."† There is no clue to fix the date of the gift to the Friars: among the rectors of Eastwell occur the names of Roger the chaplain, 1209; Peter de . . . . . 1226; and Robert de Hawethorne, 1285.‡ The gift, however, relieved the Friars of a yearly service, which thus became extinguished.

These three rents were evidently attached to the primitive site of the Priory, as they were not due for any later addition of lands.

The Friars gradually extended their lands, and added to the buildings. A writ was issued January 14th, 1284-5, to enquire whether, without injury, Robert de Wylouby and Alice his wife might assign to the Friars a plot of land, and Robert also another plot of land which he had by the gift of Isabel, daughter of Gylot le Taillur. The inquisition made before the Sheriff, February 16th, returned a favourable answer, and declared that the two plots were held of Edmund, Earl of Leicester, by service of 9*d.* a year, and that they contained 104 feet in length and four score and ten

* Lansdowne MSS. 415. † Old MSS. of Brit. Mus. 493.
‡ Nichols, *Hist. of Leicestershire.*

feet in breadth.* No mortmain licence appears; so that there is some doubt whether the transfer of the plots was carried into effect.

Edward I. gave, March 12th, 1300-1, seven oaks fit for timber out of the forest of Rokyngham, for some houses which the Friars were about to erect,†

About the time of Edward II. several plots of land contiguous to the site were given to the Convent by Peter Peinfot, Richard Fode, Robert de Dalby, William de Morton, and Isabel de Wylughby. Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, as supreme lord, confirmed the gifts, and at the same time gave licence to the Friars to enclose a void plot below their garden and churchyard. This void plot extended from the Waterlock towards the North Gate. Immediately after the execution of the Earl, in 1322, for rebellion against the King, the Friars obtained a royal confirmation of his grant, May 18th;‡ and fourteen years later had another ratification, June 5th, 1336, from Edward III. in pure and perpetual almoign.§

After 1324 the lands were increased by another addition, which seems to have been the last, and to have secured all the territorial requirements of the community. The Friars acquired, contiguous to their homestead, from Henry, Earl of Lancaster (and Leicester) a lane 300 feet long and 30 feet broad, and from Lawrence de Belgrave two plots of land 300 feet long and 200 feet broad: and a royal pardon granted, June 11th, 1344, after a due inquisition had been held, remedied all breaches of the statutes of mortmain, and empowered the Friars to retain the whole, which otherwise would have been forfeited to the crown for want of the King's licence.‖

The scantiness of the notices of alms and gifts bestowed on the Friar-Preachers of Leicester, by kings, nobles, and fellow-townsmen, is balanced in some measure by variety and interest. Soon after Michaelmas, 1291, the executors of the will of queen Eleanor of Castile gave 5*l.* to this house.¶ Edward I. gave an alms of 21*s.* 4*d.*, December 12th, 1300, for two days' food, through F. Henry de Beydon:** being at the accustomed rate of a groat each day for thirty-two religious. Edward II. arriving at Leicester, in October, 1307, gave 13*s.* 4*d.* on the 10th, for a pittance.†† Again during his stay in this town, February 7th, 1319-20, he bestowed an alms of 10*s.* for the same through F. William de Pollesworth.‡‡ Edward III. gave 10*s.*, January 8th, 1328-9, to the thirty Friars, 4*d.* each, for a day's food, through F. Geoffry de Wardon:§§ and also 10*s.* 8*d.*, February 14th, 1334-5, to the thirty-two Friars, through F. John de Clifford.‖‖ Amongst the MSS. of

* Inquis. 13 Edw. I. no. 55. † Rot. Claus. 29 Edw. I. m. 12. ‡ Rot. pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 14. § Rot. pat. 10 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 2. ‖ Rot. pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 2. ¶ Rot. (garder) liberationum pro regina etc. 19-20 Edw. I. ** Lib. garder. (de elemos. regis) 29 Edw. I.: Addit. MSS. 7966 a. †† Lib. garder. regis, 1 Edw. II. ‡‡ Lib. garder. anno 13 Edw. II.: Addit. MSS. 17362. §§ Controt. custod. garder. reg. 2 Edw. III. ‖‖ Contrarot. garder. dni. reg. de expens. forinsec. 8-9 Edw. III.

the Borough of Leicester, preserved in the Muniment Room, is a Grant, dated in 18 Edward III., 1344, by Henry Earl of Lancaster to the Mayor and Commune of Leicester of a piece of ground for a place of easement, instead of another piece granted for the same purpose to the Friar-Preachers.

Sir Thomas de Chaworth the elder, knt., by will dated November 6th, 1347, bequeathed half a mark to each Convent of Friar-Preachers, Minors, Augustinians, and Carmelites of Stanford, Leycestre, Notingham, and Derby.* *Henry, Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester*, and Steward of England, by deed dated February 28th, 1356-7, granted leave to the prior and convent of the Friar-Preachers of Leicestre to fish every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, during the day but not at night, in the river Sore below their close, with a flunet of suitable mesh, so as not to destroy the young fish.† *William, Lord Ferrers of Groby*, by will of June 1st, 1368, left bequests to the Friars at Leicester, Maldon, Stebninge, and Woodham : ‡ he died January 8th, 1371-2. *John, Duke of Lancaster*, being at Leicester, August 18th, 1375, gave two oaks, evidently for fuel.§ *Sir William Chaworth* , knt., by will dated December 16th, 1398, and proved January 5th following, gave 40*s.* to the Friar-Preachers of Leycestre, to pray for his soul and the souls of all the faithful.‖ *John Mersdon*, rector of Thurkeston (co. Leic.) by will of October 10th, 1424, proved October 20th, 1425, bequeathed 13*s.* 4*d.* to every house of Mendicant Friars within this town.¶ *William Hastyngs*, knt., Lord Hastyngs, by his will dated June 27th, 1481, ordained "that *Cli.* be disposed among pore folkes, as soon as it may be conveniently, after my decese ; and to the Friers of Notingham, Northampton, Leicestre, and Derby, and to other persons and pore folkes of the said shires, by the discretion of my said executors . . . . . to the Grey Friers of Leicestre x^{li}, and either of th'other two houses of Friers of the same towne, *Cs.*"** *The Corporation of Leicester*, by an act of common hall, September 21st, 1505, granted to F. William *Seyton (Layton)* prior and to his successors, the pasture of two cows in their common pasture called the Cow Hey ; for which the prior had paid twenty marks (shillings) and engaged that his house should pray for them for ever.†† *Sir Rauf Shirley*, of Staunton Harold co. Leic., knt., January 2nd, 1516-7, bequeathed 10*s.* to every house of Friars in

* Testamenta Eboracensia. † Nichols. ‡ Nicolas: Testamenta Vetusta. § Regist. of Grants of Duchy of Lanc. No. xii. fol. 230 b. ‖ Test. Ebor. ¶ Lambeth. Chichele 1, 390 b. ** Nicolas. †† Nichols. Vol. I. part ii. page 296. But p. 387, in the extract from the old Hall Book of the Mayor, etc., he gives *Seyton* for Layton, and *shillings* for marks. The extract from the old Hall Book is thus given in Throsby's *History and Antiquities of Leicester*, 1791. "At a Com'n hall halden at Leicest'r the 21st day of Septemb'r the 21st yere of o'r Sov'aign King Henry VII. It is agreed Stablyshed & affarmed & gyfted by Robt. Orton then Meir of the said Towne his brethren & the 48 in the name of the holle body of the same to free Will'm Ceyton."

Leicester, to pray for his soul.* *Thomas Eyreke*, of Leicester, August 25th, 1517; "I will that the iij orderis of freeris of Lecester bring my body to my g[a]ve, and ev'y of them to haffe xx[d]."† *Thomas Newcome* of Leicester, bellfounder, by will dated March 20th, and proved August 25th, 1520, bequeathed "to every one of the places of friars in the said [town of] Leicester, iij[s]. iiij[d]."‡ *Hugh Yerland* of Loughborow, May 15th, 1521, bequeathed "to iij orders of ffreres in Leicester for xv masses, v[li]."§ *The Wardens and Company of Shoemakers* at Leicester agreed to pay ten *marks (shillings)* to the Friars, over and above the usual offering duties, to have their prayers.‖

The provincial chapters of the Order were celebrated in this Priory probably on the average of every twenty or twenty-five years: certainly they were held at Leicester, in 1301, at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin (September 8th etc.); in 1317, at the Assumption (August 15th etc.); and again in 1334. For each of these, payments were made as royal gifts out of the exchequer. Thus 10*l.* was given, August 19th, 1301, through F. Adam Percy to F. Geoffrey de Wyrksopp prior of York, for two days' food of the capitular fathers;¶ 15*l.*, July 4th, 1317, to F. William de Swyneford of the Leicester Convent, by a tally on the sheriff of the cos. of Warwick and Leicester, being 100*s.* from the king, 100*s.* from the queen his consort, and 100*s.* from their sons;** and 15*l.*, May 27th, 1334, for three days' food, the alms being equally as before from the king, queen, and their children.†† In the chapter of 1317, F. John de Bristol was elected provincial.

The names of none of the Priors and religious appear besides those which are mentioned in the present article. F. Henry de Pollesworth probably belonged to a good family originally from Polesworth, which was settled at Tamworth in the fourteenth century.

"Of the Black ffrerys of Leic' bey'ing that tyme and to all his Successors for ever the Pasture of 2 kye in o'r commynalte callyd y[e] kowe hey to be as free as any of us w'thout lete ympedyment of any of us for the which he gaffe us xx*s.* and he and his howse to pray forus forever. In Witness of the same we gyffe unto hym & his howse o'r seale of office there beying Chamberlens Will'm Mellow & W'm Burgen (*Corporation Records.*)"

Nichols' version runs as follows: "At a common hall, it is agreed, and given to Frere William Seyton, prior of the Black Friers of Leicester, and to all his successors for ever the pasture of two kye in our commonalty called *The Cow-hey*, to be as free to them as any of us, without let or impediment of any of us; for the which he gave us twenty shillings, and he and his house to pray for us for ever. In witness of the same, we give him and his house our seal of office."

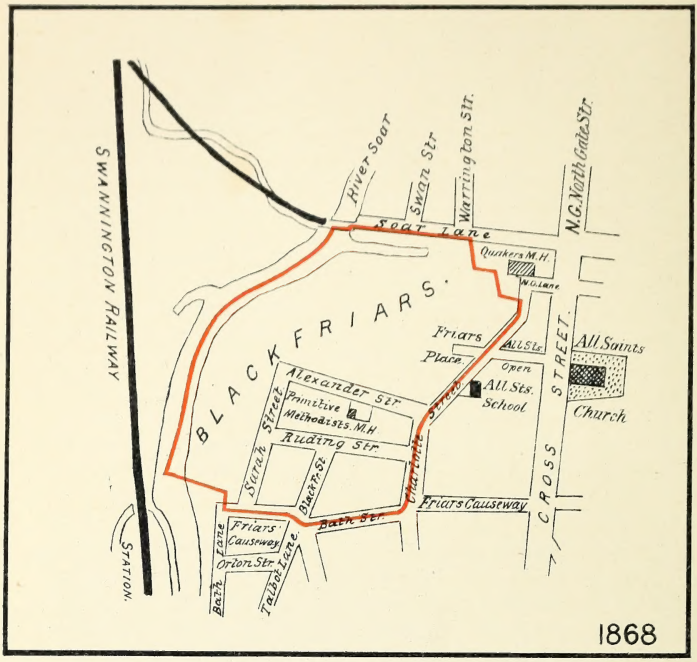
* P. C. C. 1 Ayliffe 14. † Leicester Probate Court. ‡ Lambeth. § Leic. P. C. We are indebted to the kindness of the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, M.A., for the extracts from the wills at Lambeth, in the P. C. C., and in the Leicester Probate Court. ‖ Nichols. Here again it seems that *marks* is put for shillings. In the following year (1532), the Company of Shoemakers made a similiar gift of 10*s.* to the House of the Augustinian Friars. ¶ Lib. garder. (de elem. regis) 29 Edw. I.: Addit. MSS. 7966 a, and Rot. exit. scac. pasch. 29 Edw. I. m. 5. ** Rot. exit. scac. pasch. 10 Edw. II. p. 2 m. 3. †† Rot. exit. scac. pasch. 8 Edw. III. m. 8.

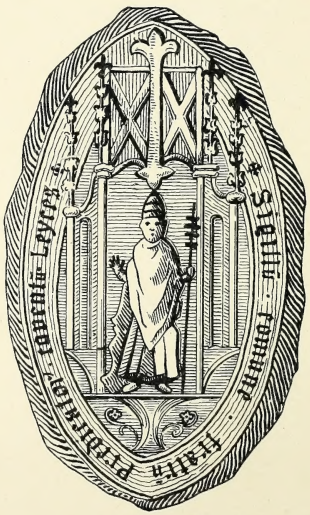
There were three Friars of some note in their own days, who bore the surname of Leicester; but it is not evident that they were at any time attached to this Priory. F. Walter de Leycester was promoted by pope Eugenius IV., July 13th, 1431, to the Bishopric of Ross, but whether in Scotland or Ireland the brief does not express.* One F. Andrew of this Convent, being in deacon's orders, went, in 1526, with some complaint to the master-general of the Order, but had not received the necessary licence to resort in person to the Roman Court. The master duly punished him for this breach of monastic discipline, and May 6th, sent him back to his province, with injunctions to the provincial, to be satisfied with the penalty he had already undergone; to let him hear the reason of his being deprived of place and vote by his prior; and to deal compassionately with him, and if he was qualified to have him raised to the priesthood according to the constitutions of the Order.†

Very little is known with certainty concerning the burials which took place within the precincts of this religious house and church. Shortly before the dissolution of monasteries, Leland, in describing Leicester, after speaking of the Grey Friars, says, "I saw in the Quire of the Blake-Freres the Tumbe of . . . . . and a flat Alabaster Stone with the name of Lady *Isabel*, Wife to Sr. *John Beauchaump* of *Holt*. And in the North Isle I saw the Tumbe of another Knight without Scripture. And in the North Crosse Isle [a Tombe] having the Name of *Roger Poynter* of *Leicester* armid." Then he describes other churches, and adds the following. "A litle above the West bridge the *Sore* castith oute an Arme, and sone after it commith in again, and makith one streame of *Sore*. Withyn this Isle standith the *Blake-Freres* very pleasauntly, and hard by the *Freres* is also a Bridge of Stone over this Arme of *Sore*."‡ Here Leland accurately points out the site of the Priory of the Augustinian Friars, and evidently uses loosely the popular name sometimes made common to the two Orders.

The Priory of St. Clement of Leicester, of the Order of St. Dominic, was also called the "Blak Frears in le Asshes," and was thus distinguished from the Augustinians: it is supposed that a number of ash trees grew about the house, so as to give it a particular mark. After the year 1478, parts of the lands attached to the Priory were let to tenants. F. Ralph Burell, D.D., prior and the convent, September 10th, 1538, leased to Thomas Katlyn, bailiff of Leicester, a dwelling-house within their precincts, called *Roberte Orton's ous*, where the same Robert lately dwelt, with all orchards, gardens, and closes, as well in tillage as in pasture, and "wone holte of willowes" near the Soure, also the churchyard in the holding of Christofer Lambarde, with all herbage grounds within the limits and precincts of the house; to be held from the

* Archiv. Apost. in Palat. Vaticano. † Regist. mag. gen. ord. Romæ.
‡ Itin. vol. i.





SITE AND SEAL OF THE BLACKFRIARS OF LEICESTER.

present date for the term of threescore years, at the yearly rent of 40*s*., paid at Ladyday and Michaelmas. The lessee was to have hedgebote, with "loppe, toppe, & croppe" of all wood and underwood growing on the grounds; and he was to find "all manor of rep'açons, sauynge stone, tymber, lathe, & nayle," which the Prior and Convent should provide: and they should have power of re-entry, if the rent was behind for a month, and no sufficient distress could be found upon the ground.*

F. Ralph Burrell, the last prior, was B.D. of Cambridge, 1526, and afterwards commenced D.D. there or elsewhere.† Under the compulsory destruction of monastic institutions in England, the breaking up of this Priory was a voluntary act on the part of the ten Friars, who formed the community. The formal act of surrender of the house and lands of the Priory of St. Clement of the Order of St. Dominic, commonly called "le Blak Frears in le Asshes," was dated November 10th, 1538, and was subscribed,

"p' me Rad'm Burrell, p'ore' ac Doctore' sac' theologie.
p' me W'll'm Hopkyn', suppreor'. [It may be *Kopkyn'*.]
p' me Jhohane' Harford.
p' me Richardu' yngylbye.
p' me Ellizeu' Gem'.
p' me Johanne' Heyne.
p' me Joh'em kok.
p' me Ric' Blalvyn.
p' me Edward' Whowark.
p' me Robertu' Suttu'."‡

The Prior and others, on the 13th, acknowledged and delivered their deed before Thomas Catlyn, Geo. Assheby, and John Smyth, who had full powers from the king to receive the act, in the presence of Robert Cotton, Walter Garset, Geo. Cadman, John Olyff, and many others. To this deed was attached the conventual seal, which is still in rather good preservation. It is vesica-shaped, and bears the full figure of a pope, standing on a bracket and under a double canopy, vested in alb and chasuble, with the tiara on his head and triple crosier in his left hand, the right hand being raised in benediction: inscription,

+ sigillū · comune · fratrū · p'dicator' · cobentū · Leyces.

Nichols gives an engraving of the seal, on a diminished scale; but substitutes *minoru' de Leycestre* for the last two words.

Thomas Catlyn, who enforced the surrender and seized the goods, carried the deed to London, and delivered it into the court

* Miscellaneous Books of Court of Augm. (Leases) vol c. fol. 106. † Cooper's Athen. Cantab. ‡ Exchequer: Surrenders, Blackfriars of Leic. No. 125.

of chancery, where it was endorsed on the close rolls :* and at the same time he hastened to secure to himself the lease of the house and lands, by appearing, November 24th, in the court of augmentations, and having his deed sanctioned.† After Christmas, January 12th, he sent 40oz. of white plate from the houses of the Friars of Leicester into the royal treasury ;‡ and on the 14th, had his deed duly enrolled. The cloisteryard and the residue of the grounds and buildings which the Prior and Convent had kept in their own hands were also committed to his charge; and August 4th, 1539, he became the tenant of them at the rent of 20*d.* a year, and when he applied for remuneration in keeping guard while they were unoccupied, he received 16*s.* 8*d.* from the crown for his trouble. By the dissolution three rents became extinguished, which had been paid for lands: being 3*s.* to the king as Lord of Leicester Castle; 3*d.* to the king for a toft at the South Gate, in the Fryers orchard towards the South Gate of the town, where stood a barn that had been given to the Prior and Friars by . . . Keye, widow; and 14*d.* to the Monastery of Garroden.§ Keye's gift was probably the endowment of a mortuary foundation.

Thus Thomas Catlyn gent. continued to hold the lands of the late Convent of Leicester, at the rent of 2*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* a year. Henry Marquis of Dorset and Thomas Duport [his attorney or trustee?] applied, December 4th, 1545, to purchase the whole, and the particulars were drawn up for them.‖ The royal grant of sale was made, August 7th, 1546, to the Marquis and Duport, and to the Marquis's heirs and assigns for ever; and included, the site of the Blacke Frears, Rob. Orton's house, and all gardens, orchards, closes, and enclosures, with the willow-bed next the Sour, the churchyard, cloysteryarde, and all buildings, with the exception of bells, and metals, stone and glass not for gutters and windows. The whole was to be held in free and common socage, for the yearly rents of 4*s.* for the site, house, etc., and 2*d.* for the cloisteryard, etc.; and the grantees were to have all issues from the preceding Michaelmas.¶

The property has since passed through various hands. No traces of the buildings are now to be seen: how or at what time the buildings were destroyed does not appear. They were certainly standing about 1620; for Burton mentions that, "in the cloister in a niche in the wall, not long since was found a coffin of stone, wherein was a corpse in bond leather."** The limits of the Priory-grounds being still extra-parochial are very accurately known, and contain 16*a.* It is evident from some old writing that a lane running from

* Rot. claus. 30 Hen. VIII. p. 1 m. 22 d. † Endorsement of Surrender, Misc. Book, *ut supra*. ‡ Williams: *Account of Monastic Treasures confiscated.* (Abbotsford Club.) § Ministers' Accounts. 30-31 Hen. VIII. No. 108. Et seq. annis. ‖ Particulars for Grants, 37 Hen. VIII. ¶ Rot. pat. 38 Hen. VIII. p. 13, m. 32. ** Burton's MSS. quoted by Nichols.

the North Gate, and turning westward to the Friars, and then running southward between the Friars and the backs of the houses opposite All Saints' Church, was formerly called St. Clement's Lane; and so it is probable that St. Clement's Church stood in or near it.* In Speed's Plan of Leicester published in 1610, the site of this Priory is not noticed; but the name of *Black fryers lane* is given to a short byeway near the South Gate, at the site of the Grey Friars, where the Friars' Orchard before mentioned probably lay. Stukeley's Plan, in 1723, shows that the town wall ran through the Priory lands from the North Gate to the Soar, and cut off a considerable strip parallel with the Soar Lane: this may have been the plot which Thomas Earl of Lancaster allowed the Friars to enclose. At the entrance of this Friary from the North Gate, upon Mr. Noble erecting a house there, in 1718, was found a pot full of Roman coins. In October, 1754, two very fine mosaic pavements, with the fragments of a third, were brought to light in a piece of the ground belonging to Rogers Ruding, Esq., who died March 27th, 1795, and then to the younger branches of his family. Some other pavements also seemed to run under the buildings.† Nichols has good engravings of these pavements.

The only local memorials of this ancient Priory now consist in the names of some petty streets and lanes within and bordering on the site. Thus there are found, Blackfriars' Street, Friars' Causeway divided by Bath Street, Friars' Place, and Friars' Road. Ruding Street received the name of a former owner: whether Orton Street had any connection with the ancient Orton's house is not evident.

May 28th, 1883.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

A resolution was passed that the Society purchase a copy of *The Buildings of Sir H. S. Tresham*, by Mr. Gutch.

The following noblemen and gentlemen were elected Members of the Society: The Right Hon. the Earl of Dysart, Buckminster Park, Grantham; the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.C.L. and D.D., Sibston Rectory, Atherstone; Colonel Arthur, Kibworth, Leicester; Captain Drummond, Enderby Hall, Leicester; the Rev. F. Buttanshaw, Smeeton Westerby, Kibworth; J. A. Gotch, Esq., Kettering; C. Stuart Thomson, Esq., Barrow-on-Soar; the Rev. Wm. Geo. Dimock Fletcher, New Walk, Leicester; the Rev. W. R. Mangan, Rostellan, New Humberstone; and Mr. Thomas Buswell, High Street, Market Harborough.

* Nichols. † Ibid.

The following antiquities were exhibited :—

By the Rev. A. Trollope : Several Roman and Mediæval Rings.

By the Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A.: Gun Money of James II. When James, after his abdication, was short of specie, wherewith to coin money for his troops in Ireland, he made half-crowns, &c., of baser metal than silver, using for this purpose, among other things, some of the cannon which had been presented to him by Louis XIV., of France. These brass coins bear on the obverse James's head and name; on the reverse his titles, with two sceptres, in saltire, passing through a crown, between the letters J.R. Besides the year they are also dated with the month, and their value is denoted by xxx, for thirty-pence. These form part of a find recently discovered in the County of Dublin.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher contributed the following Paper, entitled

NOTES FROM EARLY LEICESTERSHIRE WILLS.

Having searched a good deal at Somerset House and the Leicester Probate Court, and having inspected a large number of the early Leicestershire Wills, particularly with a view to elucidating the local and family history of the neighbourhood of Loughborough, it has struck me that a few notes derived from some of these Wills may not prove uninteresting.

To see the Wills at Somerset House, and take extracts from them *ad. lib.*, without fee, there is no difficulty in getting a Literary Search Ticket, on application to the Judge of the Probate Division, and on showing that your object is a purely literary one. With reference to the Wills in the Leicester and other country Probate Courts, the case is somewhat different. It is necessary first to obtain from the Commissioners of the Treasury an order remitting the fees; and next to obtain from the Judge of the Probate Division leave to search and copy the Wills. When this has been done, the District Registrars offer every facility to the literary enquirer. I can speak from experience of the great kindness and courtesy shewn me by the Leicester District Registrars—themselves accomplished antiquaries—during a somewhat prolonged search at Leicester.

The object of this paper is to try and show what a vast deal of information, invaluable to the Topographer and Antiquary, can be gleaned from the early Wills, and especially those of the Pre-Reformation period.

The Wills at Leicester commence at the end of the fifteenth century, and consist of two distinct series : the original Wills, and Wills copied into the Register Books. The original Wills are

well indexed: vol I. is an index to the Wills from the fifteenth century to 1562, vol. II. Wills from 1580 to 1642, vol. III. Administration Bonds from 1594 to 1641, vol. IV. Wills, Administrations, Inventories, and Bonds from 1642 to 1649, vol. V. Wills, Administrations, &c., from 1660 to 1679; and from thence in regular order. There do not appear to be any original Wills from 1562 to 1580, or from 1649 to 1660. The Register Books contain copies of Wills from 1515 to 1526, 1526 to 1533, 1560 to 1567, and 1568 to 1573. These volumes each contain an Alphabetical Index, excepting the volume from 1526 to 1533, which is unindexed.

With reference to the Wills themselves, I notice that in the sixteenth century they were generally made and witnessed by the *Clergy*, and that it was not uncommon for them to get legacies of money or goods to themselves inserted; thus Ales Shylten wyddow, in 1534, bequeathed "to Sr. Willm ffyshpull p'st a peyr of shetts w^{t} a pyllow." In those days of course, few besides the Clergy were able even to write. It was also the invariable custom to bequeath a small sum to the high altar of the parish Church "for forgotten tythes;" persons of small means usually left 8*d.* or 12*d.*, richer persons 6*s.* 8*d.* or 20*s.* The "moder Churche of Lincoln" too generally received a small legacy, often 2*d.* or 4*d.*, sometimes a few shillings.

Most Testators bequeathed something for their "*mortuary*" or "*principal.*" Thus Rafe Lemyngton, Merchant of the Staple at Calais, bequeathed in 1521 "for my mortuarie, my best beast;" his widow Elsabell Lemyntun in 1531 "my mortuary of ye statute of realme;" John Bosse in 1515, "for my principall my best good after the man' and custome off the Cuntre;" Geffrey Browne in 1518, "for my pryncipall that thyng that is right aft^{r} the custome and maner of the towne." The Statute of *Circumspecte agatis*, 13 Edw. I. permitted the Clergy to sue in Spiritual Courts for mortuaries "in places where a mortuarie hath used to be given;" and the taking of Mortuaries, or Corse presents, was still further regulated by the Statute 21 Henry VIII., cap. 6.

Frequently money was left by Testators for masses &c. *for the repose of their souls.* Thus Alice Whetley widow, in 1515, left "for a trentall of masses for my soul in the Church of Loughborow xs."; Hugh Yerland in 1521 bequeathed £5 to the 3 orders of ffreres in Leicester for 15 masses; Robert Wayttgode, in 1530, directed that the residue of his corn, and his horse and cart, should be sold, "and the money gyven to a preyst to syng ffor me and all my ffreynds;" John Rygmadyn, in 1530, directed that a priest should sing "for my sowll and all Xtn. soulys half a yere;" John Blower in 1534 desired Essabotte his wife "to cawas a trentall of masses to be sung for my f'nde and herys in the forsaid churche of loughbrough." Bequests to *Religious Houses* were very common.

The Pre-Reformation Clergy certainly practised what they preached; their estates were commonly left very largely for religious purposes: thus Sir Thomas Crosby, "prest off lowghborow," in 1523, left 10*s.* each to the Convents of Garadon, Gracie dey, and Langley, "for saying placebo and dyryge and mass;" and £20 "to an honest p'st synging for my sowle my ffaders my moders my bredyrn my systers and all crysten sowles the space off iiij years," each year £5. Ales Shylten widow, in 1534, bequeathed 3*s.* 4*d.* to the Abbott of Garadon, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Convent. Alice Barber, of Langley, in 1536, bequeathed 6*s.* 8*d.* "to the ffrerys Howse off Dawby," to our ladye off langley a Powe, to the Hyghe Awter off lancton 12*d.*, and to Shepley Church 12d., and directed that she should be buried in the Church of Langley before the ymage of our lady. Rafe Lemyngton in 1521 bequeathed £30 for keeping his obit 60 years, 10*s.* a year. Thomas Burton, the founder of the splendid Loughborough Charities, in 1495 directed that all his lands and tenements in Willoughby, Harby, Leake, Thrussington, and Statherne, should be sold, and the proceeds applied in maintaining a priest to celebrate in the Parish Church of Loughborough for his soul, and the souls of his wife, parents, friends, and all the faithful departed.

Attached to the Will of Raffe Warde of Lowghboro', 1535, is a curious Inventory showing the expenses at the funeral of his wife Maud:

"Exspenc' at the bereall of Mawd Ward.

"It. payd to the presse for Masse & dirige	ij*s.* iiij*d.*
It. payd to the belman, to thomas bedford	iij*d.*
It. payd. the Ryngars	xv*d.* ob.
It. to the bedfolke	ij*d.* ob.
It. payd In bred & Ayℍ	vj*s.* iij*d.*
It. payd for beℍes & candyℍstykes	xx*d.*
It. payd for the lyghttes	xviij*d.*
It. payd for bred & Ayll to the Ryngars	j*d.* ob.
It. payd for A man & A horsse to Granth'm	xiij*d.*"

The amount of *ecclesiastical* information that can be obtained from the early Wills is enormous: the names of the Parochial Clergy, the names of the Guilds, the images in the Church, dedications of the side-altars, approximate dates of building, notes about bells, the correct dedications of the Churches, &c. From early Loughborough Wills we learn the names of twenty clergy—from 1512 to 1543, a period of thirty-one years—of whom otherwise we should never have heard. Loughborough Church was undoubtedly dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, and not to All Saints, by which name it is now incorrectly known; for we find many testators early in the sixteenth century directing that they should be buried in the churchyard dedicated in the honour of S.

Peter and S. Paul. One testator, John Bowes of Becclys, in 1520, left a legacy to the Church of S. Michael at Loughborough; but, as he had left Loughborough early in life and settled in Suffolk, he had probably forgotten the proper dedication of the Church. Loughborough Steeple was evidently being built early in the sixteenth century, as we find many testators between 1521 and 1535 bequeathing money "to the beldynge off the stepull," "to the edyficatyon of ye stepull," or "to the wyndow of ye stepull." In the same church there were side-altars dedicated to S. Nicholas, S. Katherine, and (on the south-side) our Lady. There were also images of S. Margaret, and of our Lady and S. Anne. S. Nicholas' altar was probably erected by the executors of Thomas Burton, as he by his Will in 1494, left £13 6s. 8d. for the purchase of an altar "in honore Sancti Nicholaj de fackur transmariu'." Testators left money and goods to the side-altars: Wm. Stokes, in 1518, bequeathed to S. Nicolas' awter a table cloth, and to S. Kateryns' awter a towel, and to the ymage of Saynt Margret his wife's second best kerchoff; Henry Page, in 1528, bequeathed to the awlt^r^ of o^r^ lady 1 gowne wax; Elisabeth Crosby, in 1534, left 12d. apece to every alt^r^ to buy some adornments w^h^ the s^d^ alters have most neyd of. The old chapel in Shelthorpe in the parish of Loughborough (mentioned by Nichols) was clearly dedicated in honour of S. Katherine: in 1535, Henry Cawdewell de Thorpe bequeathed 3s. 4d. "to the rep'acons of sanct Kathyryn chapell in Thorpe"—the only record extant showing the name of this chapel. John Malory of Walton, esq., in 1516, directed his body to be buried in the chapel of S. John Baptist, within the church of Walton. Thomas Andyby of Wymyswold, in 1530, bequeathed 2s. "to the hee altar of our lady the assumptyon in Wymyswold." Thomas Hum'ston of the same place, in 1533, left "to kepyng a leyght before the ymage of the Assumption of o^r^ Lady in the hay quere of Wymundiswolde ij kayne," to remain in the disposition of the Church Masters, and to be spent in maintaining a light, and decorating "the ymage of our Lady & hur Tabarnacull," the overplus to go for ornaments for the hay alter. John Mersdon, Rector of Thurkeston, in 1425, left vestments to the Churches of Thurkeston, Ansty, Newton, Tettynale, Colun "ubi fui natus," and money for priests to celebrate at the altars of S. Mary in the Churches of Thurkeston and Colun; and bequeathed 13s. 4d. to every house of mendicant friars within the Town of Leicester, £13 6s. 8d. and goods to Richard Elnet, Archdeacon of Leycester, and 6s. 8d. to Dom. Robert, Chaplain of Ansty.

As to *bells* and *belfries*, bequests are not uncommon. William Loue, clericus, Rector of Sybbysdenne, in 1437, left 20 marcs "fabricæ novi campanilis" at Lyde, and 100s. to the fabric of Sibbysdenne. Nicholas Whatton of Shepsthed, in 1529, directed

that he should be buried in the parish churchyard of Sent botall in Shepsthede, and bequeathed "to the Rode bell xld." Ales Shylten, in 1534, left 3s. 4d. "toward the hangyng up of all the bellys in loughbrough steple." Edward Fysh, of Harborow, in 1518, left 6s. 8d. "to the mayntenyng off the belles off saint Mares," and 10s. "to supportyng off the belles off harborow Chapell."

From the Wills we learn the names of *ancient Gilds*, which are not elsewhere preserved. Thus, at Loughborough, the following are named in the Wills of sixteenth century testators: Jesus, Corpus Christi, Our Lady, S. George, S. Katherine, King's Gild; the Weavers, Carpenters, Shoemakers, Tailors, Cordwainers, and Smiths. Thomas Burton, in 1494, bequeathed "gildis Jesu, Corporis Christi, Textorum, Carpentariorum, et gild' Regis viginti solidos equaliter inter eos dividend'." John Rigmadyn, in 1530, bequeathed 8d. to the Gyld of Corpus Christi; and 4d. each to the Schewmakers gyld, the taylors gyld, and the Wewas gyld. Geffrey Browne, in 1518, left 4d. to every gild in Lougbrugh. Richard Sharpe, of Loughbrough, in 1535, left to the Church of Hallouten 12d., and to the hy alter in the same Church 12d., and to Corpus Christi gyld in the same tone 12d., and to the gret breigs in the same tone 12d.

The poor were not forgotten. In Loughborough, from 1520 to 1540 occur many bequests "to the xiij Beedes folke," often 13d., and sometimes 13 black hoods. Bequests to the poor occur more frequently after the Reformation than before that event, *e.g.*, Edward Smyth, in 1597, left £3 to the poore people of Loughborowe; Thomas White, in 1682, 40s. to the poore of Lutterworth; John Stockes of Beaumanor, in 1575, 20s. to the poor of Woodhouse; Katherine Parker of East Norton, in 1747, £15 to the poor of Cranoe, 40s. to the poor of Tugby for bread, and £5 each to the poor of Uppingham, Clapham, Goadby, Hallaton, and Billesdon. The dissolution of the Monasteries had proved a great blow to the poor, and the Poor Law Acts did not give them such relief as at present. A testator would sometimes bequeath money or loaves to be given to the poor present at his burial.

Sometimes we find a man's puritanical opinions apparent from his Will. Thus, John Willocke, Rector of Loughborough, in 1585, directed that he should "be buried christenly in the grounde without any Rynginge after my deathe or any pompe, miche lesse without any Supersticōn wheare my frends will." In 1656 Dame Margaret Bromley directed that she should be buried in ye chancell by Mr. Trigg in Loughborough Church, and that none should be sent for but her nephew Abney, and no solemnitie should be used, nor ringing of Bells. On the contrary, in 1695, Dr. George Bright directed that £100 or more should be spent upon his monument and funeral expenses; but then he was a Dean, and Chaplain to the King!

Bequests of articles of apparel form a large part of many early Wills; and occasionally we find ecclesiastics and others leaving a few volumes of books to their friends. John Adeson, in 1540, left to Sir Willm. ffishpoll, S. Thomas super ep: Paulli and the bible in foure volumes, and to Sir Richard Grene his blacke furryd gowne with the hode, and a jaket of St. Thomas worsted furryd w^t^ foxe and lambe, a coverlet, Summa Anthonini, sermones Richardi, St. Ambrose, Athanasius, Theophylact, Suma Angelica, sermones Jannensis, &c.

Bridges and fords were commonly repaired with money left by testators for this purpose. William Smythe of Cottes, left in 1560, 12d. to mendinge of a forthe at Cotes brygge. Thomas Burton, in 1494, left 20s., and more if necessary, to the reparations of bridges and public roads within the parish of Loughborough. John Bartram of Loughborough, in 1531, left 6s. 8d. to the reparations off the brygges, and 4d. to the me'dyng off the bryg In p'skyng seke as me' go to thorpe. Ales Shylten, in 1534, left 12d. to the mendyng of Coytts breges.

Occasionally we find much of the personal history of the testator. Thus, John Bowes of Becclys, in 1523, tells us in his Will that he was born at Ragdale in the Wyllowes, and lived at Loughborough, and received his early education there until he was fourteen, and that his father John Bowes, and three brothers, Edward, Thomas, and William, were buried at Loughborough. This, however, is much more full than is usually the case.

Attached to many Wills are Inventories of the Testator's effects, which give us some insight into the domestic habits of our forefathers. Some of these may be found in Mr. Stockdale Hardy's *Literary Remains*. And it was usual for Testators to appoint, not only Executors, but also two or more Overseers, or Supervisors as they were generally termed.

These imperfect notes will be sufficient to show something of the extremely varied contents of early Wills, and the immense amount of valuable information they contain. No modern topographical work could be considered complete unless a careful search for the Wills of former residents had been first made. To Topographers and Antiquaries such a search would in all probability prove extremely fruitful in results, and well repay the time and labour expended.

July 30th, 1883.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:—The Honble. Montagu Curzon, M.P., Beaumanor Park, and Clarges

Street, London; Rev. Cecil Moore, 76, Cambridge Terrace, Hyde Park, London; Mr. Frederick Charles Haines, Portland Towers, London Road, Leicester; Mr. Alfred Thomas Foster, 10, Crescent Street, Leicester; R. Headley, Esq., Welford.

The arrangements for the Summer Excursion to Market Harborough, Naseby, Welford, and Stanford, on August 2nd, were reported.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. Samuel Knight: Birmingham threepenny and penny pieces in copper. Obverse "One pound note, payable at the Workhouse for 80 tokens," Coat of Arms; Reverse "Birmingham threepence," the Workhouse, with date under "1813." The penny as above, except that the Reverse has Birmingham penny instead of threepence.

By the Chairman: A drawing of the ancient Parish Church chest, in Cosby Church, Leicestershire. It is situated at the east end of the south aisle of the church. The dimensions of it are as follows:—7 feet 6 inches in length, 2 feet wide, 2 feet 3 inches high, 7 inches thick at each end, front and back $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, middle partition 5 inches. The chest is made out of a solid block of oak timber, divided by a partition; and is bound with wrought iron work of about the fifteenth century. Also a MS. History of the Summer Meetings of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, with etchings, &c.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Excursion for 1883, was made to Market Harborough and the neighbourhood, on Thursday, the 2nd of August. A large number of members and friends of the Society proceeded by train to Market Harborough, and assembled at the Church of St. Mary in Arden, Market Harborough, at ten o'clock, when the Rev. J. E. Stocks gave a short description of the church, said to be the mother church of Harborough, but now and from time immemorial used as a cemetery chapel only. The chief entrance door is twelfth century Norman, enriched with beak head moulding, but has been much injured by restoration. From there the company proceeded to the Parish Church, which was also described by Mr. Stocks. (A paper on this church is printed in the Society's Transactions, Vol. III. p. 125). They also noticed the Old School.

The conveyances having assembled, the party started for Naseby Field, which was reached about twelve o'clock. They were joined there by Captain Ashby, of Naseby Woolleys, and the party proceeded to a farmhouse situated on Dust Hill, above Broadmoor,

having the position of the Parliamentarians in front; and the Rev. Canon Pownall described the battle, Captain Ashby pointing out the localities. Canon Pownall began with a short and interesting description of the movement of both armies which finally led to the conflict. The opposing forces were drawn up each on rising ground, with a valley between them, the left flank of the Parliament army being protected by a line of thick hedges, still existing, called the "Sulby Hedges." This cover was lined with dismounted dragoons (then a species of mounted infantry). Authorities vary as to the strength of the opposing armies, which seem to have been about 10,000 each, the Parliament being the stronger, and each was composed about one half horse. The Parliamentarians were also stronger in artillery. The right and left wings of both armies were chiefly horsemen, and the centre infantry. The battle commenced by a furious charge by Prince Rupert, who commanded the right wing of the Royalists, which completely overthrew the left wing of the opposing army, under Ireton, who was wounded and taken prisoner, but pursuing them too far, and being unable to reform his troops, he could take no further part in the action. The battle now seems to have become general. The King's centre pressing back the main body under Fairfax, Sir Marmaduke Langdale, on the left of the King, attacked Cromwell, who had been joined the night previously by a reinforcement of horse, and whose troops were partially hidden behind a ridge. Sir Marmaduke was outnumbered and recoiling, when Cromwell, who had kept two squadrons in reserve unperceived, wheeled them round by a great half circular sweep on Sir Marmaduke's left flank, which was completely routed; and leaving the two squadrons to pursue, he charged with the remainder of his division the left of the King's infantry, which were pressing back Fairfax and Skippon in the centre. This charge seems to have been decisive, and the King's army was completely routed and dispersed. The description, given on the spot, was very interesting, and was received with many thanks; but as it was not read from a MS., it cannot unfortunately be reproduced. A notice of Naseby may however be found in the Society's *Transactions*, Vol. II. pp. 80, 84.

The party, having returned to the carriages, proceeded by invitation of Captain Ashby to Naseby Woolleys, where he had displayed, for the inspection of the Society, his very interesting collection of relics from the field, and also two fine portraits of King Charles I. and his elder brother, Prince Henry, when boys. This visit was unfortunately obliged to be hurried over, as it was not in the programme, and the party proceeded to Welford, where being late, they at once took luncheon, which was presided over by the Rev. T. G. Gallwey, rector of the parish; and after inspecting the Church the party proceeded to STANFORD, where they were met by the Rev. W. H. Sandon, Vicar. After admiring the beautiful

and well-preserved monuments of the ancient family of Cave, and the very handsome organ, formerly in Whitehall Chapel in the time of Charles I., the Vicar read a very interesting paper on

STANFORD CHURCH,

which has since been printed (with some additions) in the Volume of Reports and Papers of the Associated Architectural Societies for the year 1883.

The party then proceeded, by the special invitation of the Right Hon. Lord Braye, to visit his seat of

STANFORD HALL,

An interesting mansion built about 1690-1700, and which has been recently redecorated in a costly manner, and with admirable taste, by his Lordship. The members of the Society were shown unreservedly over the house, and greatly admired the numerous family portraits and family paintings, amongst which were many of historical interest, including Charles II. by Sir Peter Lely, the celebrated Duke of Buckingham as Lord High Admiral, the Young Pretender, two portraits of the Old Pretender, and one of his consort Catherine Sobieski, with her little son; a beautiful full length marble statue of the late Countess Beauchamp, and a bust of Gibson, the sculptor, by himself. There are also fine portraits of the Cardinal York, and Charles I. and his Queen. The carved oak furniture and curious old tapestry was much admired, and among other objects of antiquarian interest were the ribbon of the George worn by Prince Charles Edward; the original silver seal of Ulster, and another silver seal, a pointed oval, formerly belonging to an Abbey, which were examined with great interest. A quantity of old title-deeds, with their seals, were displayed in a glass case. A jack-boot picked up on Naseby Field, was in one of the rooms; and a window of stained glass of the time of Henry VII., representing that monarch and his Queen, with armorial bearings. So interested were the archæologists, that on leaving Stanford Hall time was so short it was decided to give up the remainder of the programme and proceed at once to Market Harborough; but in memory of its former Vicar, a short halt was made at Theddingworth Church, restored many years ago with great care by the late Canon James, one of the most eminent ecclesiologists, and a member of this Society.

On reaching Market Harborough the party dispersed.

September 24th, 1883.

Captain Whitby, J. P., in the chair.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Lord and Lady Braye for their kindness in receiving the members of the Society at Stanford, on August 2nd, and for their hospitality shown to them.

Also to Captain Ashby, the Rev. Canon Pownall, and the Rev. W. H. Sandon, for their help in making the Summer Meeting so successful.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher contributed the following Paper, entitled

NOTES ON LEICESTERSHIRE INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM.

Amongst the various classes of documents preserved in the Public Record Office, there are few which are of greater value to the Topographer or Genealogist than the *Inquisitiones Post Mortem.*

In each county an "Escheator" was appointed, whose duty it was to seize into the King's hands all lands held of the crown *in capite.* He received a writ "*De diem clausit extremum,*" commanding him on the death of any tenant *in capite,* to summon a jury to enquire, (1) of what lands he died seized, (2) by what rents or services the same were held, and (3) who was his next heir and of what age. It is evident that these Inquisitions are full of valuable matter. The return of the jury was forwarded into the King's Chancery, whence a transcript was sent to the Exchequer, so that the proper officers might levy the relief and services due. These Inquisitions (or Escheats, as they are sometimes incorrectly termed) commence with the third year of Henry III. (1218-1219), and extend to 20 Car. I. (1644-5.) The Court of the King's Wards was established by Act of Parliament, 32 Hen. VIII. cap. 46, on account of the abuse which had arisen of compelling persons who were not crown tenants to sue out their livery. The Inquisitions returned into this Court extend from 33 Henry VIII. to 20 Charles I.; and a list of those relating to the crown tenants who held property in Leicestershire (411 in number) is given below. It has never before been printed.

A Calendar of the Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem, from Henry III. to Richard III., was printed in 1806-1828, in four folio volumes. There is a MS. Index in the Public Record Office, in nine volumes, to the Chancery Inquisitions from 1 Henry VII. to Car. II. A Calendar of the Exchequer Inquisitions was printed

in the Appendix to the Tenth Report of the Deputy-Keeper of Public Records; those for Leicestershire may be found at pp. 208-218. A Calendar of the Duchy of Lancaster Inquisitions from Edward I. to Car. I. was printed in 1823; and some of these are abstracted in the Appendix to the 39th Report of the Deputy-Keeper. There is no printed Calendar of the Inquisitions returned into the Court of Wards and Liveries, but there is a MS. Calendar, in two volumes, in the Public Record Office; from this MS. Calendar the following list of Leicestershire Inquisitions is taken.

CALENDAR OF LEICESTERSHIRE INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM RETURNED INTO THE COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES.

34 HENRY VIII. TO 5 JAMES I.

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3-7 Eliz. ..	Allen, Edward	25	123
36 Hen. VIII. ..	Ashby, Geo.	1	120
35 Hen. VIII. ..	Ashby, Will.	1	57
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Avney, Rob.	28	102
9-11 Eliz. ..	Babington, Tho.	11	151
2-5 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	30	101
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	25	35
1-2 Jac. I. ..	Bedell, Will.	27	80
1-2 Jac. I. ..	——— ——	27	105
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Bellgrave, Robert ..	5	81
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	——— ——— ..	5	121
1-2 Jac. I. ..	Bent, Rich.	28	5
1-3 P. & M. ..	Bent, Tho.	7	51
20-24 Eliz. ..	Blounte, Godfred.. ..	20	15
30-34 Eliz. ..	Blunt, Michael	23	93
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Borough, Rich.	14	119
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Bradgate, Rich.	14	56
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Bradgate, Rich.	26	169
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Bradgate, Will.	16	64
33 & 34 Eliz. ..	Bradshaw, Geo.	23	28
4 & 5 Eliz. ..	Browne, Sir Humfrey, Knt.	9	20
26-29 Eliz. ..	Brudenell, Sir Edmund, Knt.	21	121
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Brudenell, Sir Tho. Knt. ..	5	36
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Bruerne, John	25	20
3-7 Jac. I. ..	——— Thomas	25	41
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Burdet, Will.	28	28
5-7 Eliz. ..	Burton, Rob.	10	80
1-5 Jac. I. ..	Carper, Everard	29	143
1-3 Eliz. ..	Cave, Rich.	8	56
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Cave, Sir Tho., Knt. ..	14	55

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29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Clarke, Henry	22	17
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Cloughton, Catherine, widow	16	106
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Collie, Anthony	17	10
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Cope, Geo.	27	107
11 & 12 Eliz. ..	Crofts, Tho.	12	38
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Digby, Will.	27	108
1 Edw. VI. ..	Dockary, John	4	50
9-11 Eliz. ..	Draper, John (Lunatic) ..	11	133
2 Edw. VI. ..	Dygbye, John	4	79
35-42 Eliz. ..	Everard, Rich.	24	75
16 & 17 Eliz. ..	Fareham, Tho.	15	58
29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Faunt, Anthony	22	91
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Faunte, Will.	17	26
2 Edw. VI. ..	Felding, Sir Will. Knt. ..	4	18
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Goddard, Tho.	27	94
20 Eliz. ..	Golston, Tho.	19	122
1-3 Eliz. ..	Grey, Tho.	8	78
20-24 Eliz. ..	Hall, Reginald	20	134
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Hall, Simon, ...	28	17
26-29 Eliz. ..	Hartop, Will.	21	24
5 & 6 Edw. VI.	Harve, Eliz., widow ..	6	87
5-7 Eliz. ..	Haselrigg, Barth. ..	10	87
19 & 20 Eliz. ..	Hawford, Will.	18	94
19 & 20 Eliz. ..	Hodgson, Rich.	18	109
19 & 20 Eliz. ..	——— Rob.	18	133
29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Hovye, Will.	22	27
1-3 Eliz. ..	Huntingdon, Francis, Earl of	8	46
20-24 Eliz. ..	Hurste, Rich.	20	219
1 & 5 Jac. I. ..	Jenkins, Will.	29	139
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Kendall, Will.	5	3
12-14 Eliz. ..	Kevill, Henry	13	101
29 & 30 Eliz. ..	Mason, Henry	22	28
2 Edw. VI. ..	Methwold, John	3	103
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Michell, John	28	24
18-20 Eliz. ..	Neale, Tho.	18	38
35-42 Eliz. ..	Noell, John	24	76
30-34 Eliz. ..	Norwich, Simon	23	13
12-14 Eliz. ..	Olyver, Tho.	13	110

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5-7 Eliz. ..	Parkeyns, Tho.	10	9
20 Eliz. ..	Payne, Thos.	19	20
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Payne, Tho.	25	16
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Pepper, Tho.	28	20
5 & 6 Edw. VI.	Pole, German	6	20
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Poole, Will.	16	92
16 & 17 Eliz. ..	Pratt, John (Idiot) ..	15	77
37 Hen. VIII. ..	Pryor, John	2	99
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Pulteney, Francis ..	5	56
5-7 Eliz. ..	Rutland, Henry, Earl of ..	12	48
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Savage, Geo.	26	153
5 & 6 Edw. VI.	Sayvell, John	6	105
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Scrope, John, Lord ..	5	114
20-24 Eliz. ..	Segrave, Will.	20	149
20 Eliz. ..	Sharpe, John	19	102
17 & 18 Eliz. ..	Sherard, Geo.	16	39
1 & 5 Jac. I. ..	Skeffington, Will. ..	29	79
35 Hen. VIII.	Skevyngton, Tho. ..	1	67
1 & 5 Jac. I. ..	Smith, Francis	29	154
20-24 Eliz. ..	Smyth (alias Walton) John	20	202
5-7 Eliz. ..	Smythe, Mary, widow, heir of John Morton ..	10	44
1 & 2 Jac. I. ..	Stanford, John	28	10
5 & 6 Edw. VI.	Stansfylde, Rich.	6	56
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Staresmore, John ..	5	138
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Swayne, John	27	103
2-5 Jac. I. ..	Tatam, Arthur	30	100
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Turvell, Sir Will., Knt. ..	5	37
2-5 Jac. I. ..	Villers, Sir Geo.	30	25
5-7 Eliz. ..	Villers, Rich.	10	20
15 & 16 Eliz. ..	Vincent, Anthony ..	14	72
37 Hen. VIII. ..	Vowe, Will.	2	21
11 & 12 Eliz. ..	Waldram, Roger ..	12	44
1-3 Eliz. ..	Waldram, Will	8	30
20-24 Eliz. ..	Walton (alias Smyth) John	20	202
3-7 Jac. I. ..	Ward, Tho.	25	130
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Webbe, Will.	27	215
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Whalley, Ralph	26	90
20 Eliz. ..	Wightman, Rich. ..	19	168
3-5 Edw. VI. ..	Wightman, Tho.	5	134
11 & 12 Eliz. ..	Wightman, Tho.	12	40
20-24 Eliz. ..	Wilson, John	20	96
43 & 44 Eliz. ..	Wright, Rich.	26	83

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3-7 Jac. I. ..	Wyeth, Henry	25	15
35 Hen. VIII. ..	Wygston, Roger	1	56
35 Hen. VIII ..	Wynter, Robert	1	43 & 44

1 James I. to 20 Charles I.

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21 Jac. I. ..	Armeston, Will	46	107
6 Car. I. ..	Armeston, Will	48	78
(?) 16-17 Jac. I. ..	Asheby, Geo.	28	66
(?) Jac. I. ..	Babington, Humphrey ..	19	21
14 Jac. I. ..	Babington, Mathew ..	24	120
6 Car. I. ..	Baddlie, Edw.	49	50
20 Jac. I. ..	Bale, Sir John	36	47
18 Jac. I. ..	Ballard, Thomas	31	100
21 Jac. I. ..	Ballard, Thomas	36	6
15 Car. I. ..	Banastre, Dynham ..	62	272
17 Jac. I. ..	Baresby, Will.	29	104
6 Jac. I. ..	Barfeild, Edw.	11	16
17 Jac. I. ..	Barford, Arthur	28	42
16 Car. I. ..	Barrodale, Charles ..	63	186
22 Jac. I. ..	Bartine (alias Caster), John	46	177
3 Car. I. ..	Baseley, Edw.	46	113
6 Car. I. ..	Basse, Edw.	48	62
15 Jac. I. ..	Baynbridge, Will. ..	25	138
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	3	67, 90
8 & 9 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	5	75
6 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	10	2
6 Jac. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Henry ..	11	56
(?) 1 Car. I. ..	Beaumont, Sir Thomas ..	42	123
14 Car. I. ..	Belgrave, Thomas ..	60	71
7 Car. I. ..	Bennett, George	49	78
10 Car. I. ..	Bennett, George	54	132
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Bent, Ambrose	6	86
9 Jac. I. ..	Bent, John	13	86
13 Jac. I. ..	Bent, John	59	232
7 Jac. I. ..	Bent, Thomas	5	220
15 Car. I. ..	Bent, William	62	47
10 Car. I. ..	Binnes, Edw.	55	98
16 Jac. I. ..	Bluntt, Robert	26	50
16 Car. I. ..	Boothby, Rich.	63	200
11 Jac. I. ..	Boroughe, Thomas ..	18	212
2 Car. I. ..	Botham, Hugh	46	92
10 Car. I. ..	Bowne, Will.	55	106

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19 Jac. I. ..	Braddell, John	33	64
10 Car. I. ..	Bradford, Will.	55	108
1-4 Jac. I. ..	Brigges, James	1	63
14 Car. I. ..	Broadgate, Will. ..	60	97
15 Jac. I. ..	Broadshawe, Geo. ..	25	252
14 Jac. I. ..	Brokesbye, Robert ..	24	130
13 Jac. 1. ..	Burdett, Richard.. ..	52	84
4 Car. I. ..	Burdett, William.. ..	47	33
18 Jac. I. ..	Burrowes, Tho.	30	119
6 Car. I. ..	Burrowes, Tho.	48	37
11 Car. I. ..	Burton, John	58	181
4 Car. I. ..	Buswell, John	47	37
6 Car. I. ..	Buswell, John	48	40
1 Car. I. ..	Cade, Tho.	42	119
19 Jac. I. ..	Carter (alias Robinson), Dionysius	33	53
12 Car. I. ..	Carter, Everard	58	165
22 Jac. 1. ..	Caster (alias Bartine), John	46	177
(?) 7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Cave, Anthony	12	79
8 Jac. I. ..	Cave, Henry	12	97
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Cave, Tho.	3	213
16 Jac. I. ..	Cave, Tho.	28	59
7 Car. I. ..	Chamberlaine, Francis ..	52	53
14 Car. I. ..	Chamberlaine, John ..	61	14
12 Car. I. ..	Chapman, Tho.	57	30
18 Jac. I. ..	Charnell, Edward ..	30	135
12 Car. I. ..	Cherrie, Robert	58	145
21 Jac. I. ..	Choyse, Thomas	37	85
12 Car. I. ..	Churchman, Richard ..	58	135
4 Car. I. ..	Clarke, Haslingtatam ..	46	124
3 Car. I. ..	Clarke, Joseph	69	130
12 Car. I. ..	Collyns, William.. ..	58	171
12 Car. I. ..	Coltman, William ..	56	181
6 Car. I. ..	Cotes, Alexander ..	54	153
8 Car. I. ..	Cotton, William	51	13
6 Car. I. ..	Cowper, Gilbert	49	49
1-6 Jac. I. ..	Coye, William	2	78
2 Car. I. ..	Crofte, Thomas	43	95
11 Jac. I. ..	Croxall, Thomas	15	98
10 Car. I. ..	Croxall, Thomas	58	159
11 Jac. I. ..	Croxall, Thomas	40	88
22 Jac. I. ..	Dalbye, John	43	51
6 Car. I. ..	Dand, John	48	47
4 Car. I. ..	Dannett, John	46	121
18 Jac. I. ..	Davenport, John	31	39
12 Car. I. ..	Davenport, Thomas ..	56	193
13 Car. I. ..	Davenport, William ..	60	25
7 Car. I. ..	Davers, Francis	52	67

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9 Jac. I. ..	Davers, Richard	14	99
18 Jac. I. ..	Dawes, John	31	30
16 Jac. I. ..	Dent, Francis	28	45
14 Jac. I. ..	Dickens, Thomas.. ..	20	141
15 Jac. I. ..	Digby, William	26	26
11 Jac. I. ..	Dodgeson, Thomas ..	15	99
9 Car. I. ..	Doewell, George	53	160
1-3 Jac. I. ..	Downe, Francis	6	93
15 Jac. I. ..	Earle, John	26	21
13 Jac. I. ..	Elliott, Geoffrey	21	5
15 Jac. I. ..	Everard, Stephen ..	25	275
1 Car. I. ..	Farmer, Bartholemew ..	43	93
19 Jac. I. ..	Farnham, Thomas ..	33	65
14 Car. I. ..	Fox, George	60	151
19 Jac. I. ..	Fowler, Lady Mary ..	33	93
15 Car. I. ..	Freer, Thomas	62	5
12 Car. I. ..	French, Thomas	59	37
22 Jac. I. ..	Gilbert, Edward	39	162
14 Car. I. .	Gilbert, William	60	74
5 Jac. I. ..	Gilman, Rich.	3	224
4 Car. I. ..	Glover, Thomas	47	32
1 Car. I. ..	Goberte, John	43	189
7 Car. I. ..	Goodman, Rich.	50	30
3 Car. I. ..	Gray, John	69	140
12 Jac. I. ..	Gray, Henry Lord ..	21	40
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Graye, Thomas	3	68
11 Jac. I. ..	Graye, Thomas	15	108
13 Jac. I. ..	Gryffyth, Robert	45	82
12 Jac. I. ..	Gueste, Will.	22	15
5 Car. I. ..	Gulson, Henry	50	4
12 Car. I. ..	Halford, (alias Hawford) ? ..	58	164
3 Car. I. ..	Hall, William	46	114
10 Car. I. ..	Hartopp, Geo.	55	136
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Hartoppe, Thomas ..	3	80
7 Car. I. ..	Harman, John	50	225
10 Jac. I. ..	Haselrigge, Will. ..	15	139
13 Jac. I. ..	Haselwood, Francis ..	22	76
15 Jac. I. ..	Hastinges, Walter ..	25	262
17 Jac. I. ..	Hawford, Will.	28	8
1 Car. I. ..	Heiricke, John	43	183
3 Car. I. ..	Herricke, Tobias.. ..	68	34
6 Car. I. ..	Heselrigg, Bartin ..	48	73
22 Jac. I. ..	Hesilrigge, Edw. ..	37	125
15 Jac. I. ..	Hewes, Tho.	26	51

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13 Jac. I. ..	Hickson, Will.	22	115
22 Jac. I. ..	Hill, Robert	37	98
9 Car. I. ..	Hill, Robert	54	169
16 Jac. I. ..	Hindman, Tho. ..	51	152
14 Jac. I. ..	Holman, (alias Homan) ? ..	20	149
3 Car. I. ..	Holman, (alias Homan), John	45	111
21 Jac. I. ..	Honst, Edw.	38	53
13 Car. I. ..	Houste, Will.	59	189
11 Jac. I. ..	Horsepoole, Will. ..	22	8
22 Jac. I. ..	Horton, Joseph	43	110
7 Car. I. ..	Hubbocke, Will.	51	20
2 Car. I. ..	Humfrey, Sir Tho. ..	43	63
14 Car. I. ..	Hunt, Francis	61	61
10 Jac. I. ..	Hunt, John	15	131
15 Jac. I. ..	Hunt, John	26	34
1-6 Jac. I. ..	Huntingdon, George Earl of	2	7
6 Car. I. ..	Iliff, Thomas	48	19
21 Jac. I. ..	Jackson, Gervase	36	15
7 Car. I. ..	Jackson, Luke	51	135
8 Car. I. ..	Jackson, Luke	52	54
14 Jac. I. ..	Jaques, George	20	129
1 Jac. I. ..	Jarrat, Rich.	12	63
18 Jac. I. ..	Jarrett, Rich.	31	28
12 Jac. I. ..	Jarvis, Will.	18	206
2 Car. I. ..	Jervys, George	45	86
16 Jac. I. ..	Johnson, John	28	77
10 Car. I. ..	Johnson, John	54	28
10 Car. I. ..	Johnson, Rob.	55	147
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Johnson, Will.	3	85
5 Jac. I. ..	Jorden, Roger	8	176
1 Car. I. ..	Joter, Eliz.	45	107
9 Car. I. ..	Judson, Will.	54	174
16 Car. I. ..	Kestian, Tho.	63	141
14 Jac. I. ..	Kilby, Rob.	20	133
14 Jac. I. ..	Kilbye, Rob.	20	58
15 Jac. I. ..	Kilbye, Rob.	26	1
16 Jac. I. ..	Kilbye, Rob.	26	25
1 Car. I. ..	Kinge, Edw.	54	93
16 Car. I. ..	Kinge, Francis	63	33
12 Jac. I. ..	Kirke, Hugh	21	128
3 Car. I. ..	Lacy, Margaret	69	127
19 Jac I. ..	Laxton, Edw.	32	95
9 Car. I. ..	Leader, Wm.	55	149
10 Car. I. ..	Lucas, Rob.	54	68

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16 Car. I.	Mackworth, Sir Henry	63	199
6 Elizabeth	Marmyon, Henry	9	72
12 Car. I.	Marshall, George	57	25
3 Car, I.	Marshall, Hugh	45	40
11 Jac. I.	Marshall, John	18	59
4 Car. I.	Marston, Gilbert	46	108
18 Jac. I.	Marston, Will.	30	149
2 Car. I.	Marston, Will.	41	21
13 Car. I.	May, Geoffrey	58	67
21 Jac. I.	Merston, Edw.	38	134
6 Car. I.	Moore, Henry	63	128
18 Jac. I.	Morton, Will.	31	108
21 Jac. I.	Neale, Will.	40	87
3 Car. I.	Nedham, Clement	68	39
18 Jac. I.	Nedham, Will.	30	123
1 Car. I.	Niccols, Will.	43	119
15 Car. I.	Nicholls, Augustine	62	261
6 Jac. I.	Noble, George	11	44
5 Jac. I.	Noell, Sir Andrew	10	8
19 Jac. I	Noell, Sir Charles	33	51
12 Car. I.	Noone, Geo.	58	43
2 Jac. I.	Offley, Sir Robert	69	124
1 Car. I.	Oliver, Rich.	43	129
11 Jac. I.	Orton, Rich.	18	218
11 Jac. I.	Oswynne, John	38	54
16 Jac. I.	Page, Tho.	43	128
11 Jac. I.	Patchett, Andrew	17	65
22 Jac. I.	Pate, Edw.	41	66
13 Jac. I.	Payne, Will.	21	12
4 Car. I.	Pecher, Joshua	47	90
14 Car. I.	Pecke, Rob.	61	27
4 Car. I.	Pecke, Will.	45	64
11 Car. I.	Pegg, Rich.	56	42
9 & 10 Jac. I.	Pell, Edw.	4	117
12 Jac. I.	Pell, Edw.	21	119
6 Car. I.	Pepper, Rob.	54	60
21 Jac. I.	Pepper, Rob.	55	118
21 Jac. I.	Peshall, Rob.	37	71
14 Jac. I.	Plumbe, John	20	159
14 Jac. I.	Powers, Will.	24	113
5 Jac. I.	Prior, Tho.	8	175
13 Car. I.	Pultney, John	59	211
15 Car. I.	Quarles, Sir George	61	98

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9 Car. I. ..	Raven, James	54	176
7 Car. I. ..	Raye, Sam.	50	145
7 Car. I. ..	Reade, Thomas	50	6
20 Jac. I. ..	Richardson [*sic.*] ..	36	12
10 Car. I. ..	Richardson, John ..	54	32
19 Jac. I. ..	Robinson (or Robyns, alias Carter) Dionysius ..	33	53
6 Car. I. ..	Robinson, Robert ..	54	86
9 Jac. I. ..	Roby, Rob.	13	111
8 & 9 Jac. I. ..	Robye, Rob.	5	201
10 Jac. I. ..	Robye, Rob.	14	33
4 Car. I. ..	Sacheverell, Ferd. ..	47	65
8 Car. I. ..	Sacheverell, Henry ..	51	14
4 Car. I. ..	Sacheverell, Tho. ..	45	68
18 Car. I. ..	Sacheverell, Will. ..	66	108
7 Car. I. ..	Salesburye, Rich. ..	49	150
13 Jac. I. ..	Salisbury, Tho.	21	2
13 Jac. I. ..	Sanderson, Tho.	22	108
21 Jac. I. ..	Saunders, Matt.	37	109
16 Car. I. ..	Savill, John	61	77
3 Car. I. ..	Savill, Tho.	69	175
12 Jac. I. ..	Savill, Will.	22	28
6 Jac. I. ..	Sherrard, Geo.	11	49
22 Jac. I. ..	Sherard, Sir Philip ..	39	188
1 Car. I. ..	Shipp, John	68	3
22 Jac. I. ..	Shittlewood, Will. ..	37	95
7 & 8 Jac. I. ..	Skipwith, Sir Will. ..	3	81
2 Car. I. ..	Skiffyngton, John ..	45	109
18 Car. I. ..	Smith, Geo.	66	89
7 Car. I. ..	Smith, Rich.	51	172
5 Jac. I. ..	Smyth, Geo.	10	11
18 Jac. I. ..	Smyth, Henry	30	155
20 Jac. I. ..	Smyth, Henry	36	57
10 Car. I. ..	Smyth, Rich.	55	89
19 Jac. I. ..	Squyer, Will.	33	54
15 Jac. I. ..	Storer, Tho.	25	201
15 Car. I. ..	Streete, Will.	61	94
9 Car. I. ..	Swynfen, Rich.	54	173
2 Jac. I. ..	Tamworth, Colbie ..	7	184-187
4 Car. I. ..	Thomson, Tho.	47	88
18 Jac. I. ..	Tompson, Tho.	35	100
4 Jac. I. ..	Traforde, Tho.	31	61
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November 26th, 1883.

The Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Rev. R. Titley was elected Hon. Local Secretary for the Hinckley District, in the place of the Rev. E. Tower. The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher was elected a member of the Committee.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society: George B. Franklin, Esq., Stoneygate, Leicester; J. H. West, Esq., the Manor House, Little Bowden; R. A. Wilde, Esq., East Langton; Arthur Wykes, Esq., Hampton Lodge, Stoneygate, Leicester.

The Chairman and others having alluded in feeling terms to the death of the Rev. G. A. Poole, for many years an hon. member of, and valuable contributor to the Society, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this Society desires to express its deep sense of the heavy loss which Archæology and Architecture have sustained by the death of the Rev. George Ayliffe Poole, late Rector of Winwick, Northants." The Hon. Secretaries were requested to send a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Poole.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A.: Play money, curious: Small piece of copper set in base metal when Charles I. was in distress, dug up at Langton; button, "Spencer's Patent," stamped into a coin and once silvered over, dug up at Langton. American notes: 1, greenback; 2, a skin plaister; 3, local note; 4, ten dollar bill; 5, Chinese note. Autograph of the late Lord Derby. Roman coins, dug up while excavating foundations of Temple Buildings on the Thames Embankment, classified at British Museum. Pipe and bullet from Naseby. Roman coins, Constantine, &c., dug up at Knot's Mill, Manchester. Three weights for medicine, &c. Coins: Edward I., Charles II., five shilling and half-crown piece, two of James, Spanish coin, 1734 (rare), silver penny, Roman coin with effigies of Romulus and Remus. Fine folio copy of maps, hand painted, by Nicolawn Visscher, in 1651, printed at Amsterdam. Old style calendar for the present "yeere of grace, being a bissextile or leape yeere, and from the creation of the world 5884." This is a reprint by Master George Falkner and his son. Transactions of the Archæological section of the Birmingham and Midland district, containing "Memorials of the Grey Friars, Coventry," by W. G. Fretton, Esq., F.S.A.; "Hampton in Arden Church," by A. E. Everitt; "Church Bells of Warwickshire," by Rev. E. F. Tilly.

By Mr. Samuel Knight: Half-crown of James I., second coinage, said to have been recently found on a farm near Kettering: Obv.: JACOBUS: D: G: MAG: BRI: FRA: ET: HIB: REX. Mint Mark Lis, the king on horseback, sword in hand, the housings decorated

with a rose crowned. Rev.: QUÆ DEUS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPARET, a garnished shield bearing the arms of England, Scotland, France and Ireland.

By the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher: A reliquary, the property of the Rev. F. P. B. N. Hutton, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Leicester. It is of oblong shape, seven inches long, beautifully enamelled and inlaid with figures of saints, with a high-pitched lid, and apparently of Limoges enamel, and thirteenth century work. This reliquary, evidently that of some female saint, was found at the commencement of the present century, by Mr. Tiptaft, the possessor of Braunstone Priory, near Oakham, in the cellar of the house, where it, together with other antiquities, had been carefully secreted, either at the dissolution of monasteries or at some subsequent period. It was given to the Rev. F. P. B. N. Hutton, by Mrs. Keal, daughter of Mr. Tiptaft, some thirty years ago, but has only lately come into his possession.

By the Chairman: Tankard of fine silver, weighing thirty-three ounces, hall marked with the letter B (1717-18), and the device of a "Britannia." This mark, used only from 1697 to 1721, indicates the standard. There are only two legal standards—one eleven ounces two dwts., and the other eleven ounces ten dwts., that is to say, the last contains only ten dwts. of alloy in the pound troy. Though silver plate of the present reign, of the higher standard, exists, yet lower standard is generally used. This tankard is one of the class known as "whistle tankards" from the fact that the handle, at one time formed a whistle, by using which a servant could be called, when the tankard was empty, and more ale was required. It is a handsome example of the plate of the period. Engraved on the side are the arms of the Assheton family—"*Argent, a mullet sable,*" with the peculiar crest, a man mowing left-handed. This crest was borne by the Asshetons (so says tradition) because once upon a time, the head of the family, to avoid being drawn into war which he disliked, feigned imbecility, and when looked for, was found scythe in hand, as represented here. The family was permitted to adopt this, his acting, as its crest, with the motto, "NOW THVS." The Shepley branch of the Assheton's, from which this tankard has come down to its present possessor, obtained the estates of Shepley, near Ashton-under-Lyne, by the marriage of Geoffrey, third son of Sir Thomas Assheton, Knight, with the heiress of Manners Shepley, in the reign of King Henry VI. (Baines' History of Lancashire). Sixteenth century imitations of "large brass" Roman imperial coins, known as "Paduans," because they are the work of Giovanni Cavino, a native of Padua, (1500-1590), and well known as a medallist. These are not to be regarded as mere forgeries, but as a true artist's successful work, and from this point of view so regarded they are sometimes of more value than if they had been

genuine coins of the Roman series. In his artistic work Cavino was assisted by the learning of Alessandro Bassiano, an antiquary of Padua, and a member of its celebrated University. In his "Guide to Italian Medals in the British Museum," Mr. Keary says that "Cavino's close adherence to the style of his classical models has been hurtful to the success of the artist in portrait medals." The four "Paduans" exhibited purport to represent the Empress Faustina, junior, and the Emperors Claudius, Lucius, Vero, and Otho.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: Original pen and ink sketch by the late Mr. John Flower, with autograph attached, of the Old Blue Boar Inn (demolished about 1836-7), the principal hostelry in Leicester in the fifteenth century, where King Richard III. is stated to have halted the night previous to the memorable battle of Bosworth. Mr. Flower was a townsman of well-known ability and skill in faithfully delineating the historical and other quaint buildings pertaining to the town and county of Leicester, a series of which (some twenty-four views) were published and engraved by C. Hullmandel and Day, of which a presentation copy by Mr. Flower, in 1850, is in the Leicester Museum. Curious old bronze signet-ring (of the fifteenth century) with the letter R incised, surmounted by a crown (or coronet), discovered some thirty years ago, during excavations in the neighbourhood of Highcross Street.

By the Rev. A. Trollope: Silver matrix of pointed oval seal, one inch long, three-quarters of an inch wide, with loop at top. There is this inscription round the seal: "Sigill. Roberti De Waltervill." In the centre of the seal there has formerly been a precious stone, containing an engraving either sacred or secular. Probable date, end of fourteenth century. Silver fluted porringer, date 1706, made by Benjamin Treherne.

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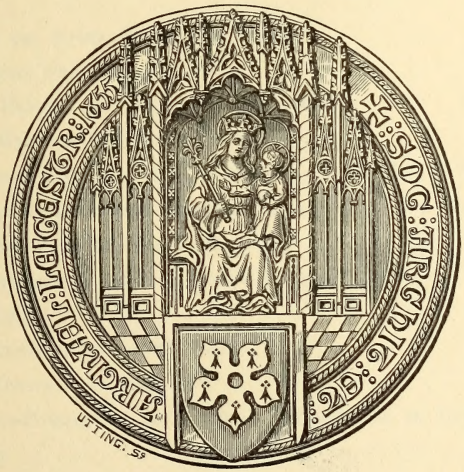

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Whitmore, T. C. D., Esq., Gumley Hall.
Wilde, R. A., Esq., East Langton.
Williams, J. H., Esq. Leicester.
Wills, J. T., Esq., Husband's Bosworth.
Willes, The Rev. Canon, R.D., Ashby Magna.
Wilson, The Hon. Harry Tyrwhitt, Keythorpe Hall.
Wilton, The Right Hon. the Earl of, Melton Mowbray.
Winterton, W., Esq., Leicester.
Winterton, Frank, Esq., Leicester.
Witts, J. W., Esq., Market Harborough.
Wood, The Rev. C. H., Leicester.
Wood, R. H., Esq., F.S.A., Penrhos House, Rugby.
Wood, The Rev. L. W., Dunton Bassett.
Worswick, Major, Normanton.
Wright, A., Esq., Leicester.
Wykes, Arthur, Esq., Stoneygate, Leicester.
Yard, The Rev. Canon, The Confratery, Leicester.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED IN 1885.

Bickley, John Wm. Esq., Acacia House, Melton Mowbray.
Hamel, Miss, 35, York Terrace, Regent's Park, London.
Harris, Joseph, Esq., The Fosse, Leicester.
Price, General, The Manor House, Hallaton.

MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1884-5.

Agar, Thomas, Esq.
Beaumont, Sir G. H., Bart.
Franks, W. F., Esq.
Hartopp, E. B., Esq.
Hunt, John, Esq.
Jones, H. S., Esq.
Johnson, R. W., Esq.
North, Thomas, Esq., F.S.A.
Wilton, The Right Hon. the Earl of.
Wollaston, Major

RULES.

1.—That the Society be called "THE ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER."

2.—That the objects of the Society be, to promote the study of Ecclesiastical Architecture, General Antiquities, and the Restoration of Mutilated Architectural Remains within the County; and to furnish suggestions, so far as may be within its province, for improving the character of Ecclesiastical Edifices, and for preserving all Ancient Remains which the Committee may consider of value and importance.

3.—That the Society be composed of Patrons, President, Treasurer, and Secretaries; and Honorary and Ordinary Members.

4.—That Members of the Society be privileged to propose new Members, either by letter or personally, to be elected at the Committee Meetings; and that Honorary Members shall be gentlemen who have either rendered signal service to the Society, or are specially learned in the subjects the study of which it is formed to encourage, and shall be nominated by the Committee at one of their Meetings, and proposed for election only at the General Annual Meeting of the Members to be held in the January of each year.

5.—That Rural Deans within the County of Leicester be *ex-officio* Members of the Committee, on their signifying an intention to become Members of the Society.

6.—That each Member shall pay an Annual Subscription of Ten Shillings, to be due on the first day of January in each year.

7.—That the affairs of the Society be conducted by a Committee composed of the Patrons, Presidents, Rural Deans (being Members), all Secretaries of the Society, all Professional Architects (being Members), all Honorary Members, and not less than twenty Ordinary Members, of whom four at least shall have been Members of the Committee of the preceding year.

8.—That the Meetings of the Members be held on the last Monday of every alternate month; that one of such Meetings to be held in the month of January be considered the Annual General Meeting, at which the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be rendered and the Committee for the year be elected, and such new Rules or alterations in the Rules proposed and made as may be thought necessary: provided always that due notice of such new Rules or alteration in Rules be given

by circular to each Member of the Society at least seven days before the Annual Meeting. That in addition to the Bi-Monthly Meetings—so including the Annual Meeting—Public Meetings for the reading of Papers, &c., may be held as provided for under Rule 11.

9. That the Committee (of whom five shall be a quorum) have power to add to their number, and to elect from the Society the requisite number of Secretaries.

10.—That the Members of the Committee in any neighbourhood may associate other Members of the Society with themselves, and form Committees for Local Purposes in communication with the Central Committee.

11.—That the Public Meetings of the Society be holden at such times and places as shall be appointed by the Committee.

12.—That the Committee meet at the times and places which they may themselves appoint.

13.—That the Secretaries be empowered, on the requisition of five Members of the Committee, to call a Special Meeting of the Society.

14.—That Donations of Architectural and Antiquarian Books, Plans, &c., be received; that the Committee be empowered to make purchases and procure casts and drawings, which shall be under the charge of the Secretaries.

15.—That when the Committee shall consider any Paper, which may have been read before the Society, worthy of being printed at its expense, they shall request the author to furnish a copy, and shall decide upon the number of copies to be printed, provided always that the number be sufficient to supply each Member with one copy, and the author with twenty-five copies. All other questions relating to publishing Plans and Papers, and illustrating them with engravings, shall be decided by the Committee.

16.—That the Committee may every year publish, or join with other Architectural and Archæological Societies in publishing, for circulation among the Members, Transactions to contain descriptions and Papers connected with the objects of the Society.

17.—That on application being made to any Member of the Committee, or to the Committee collectively, for the advice of the Society in the restoration of any Church, a Sub-Committee be appointed (of which the Incumbent or Resident Minister be one) to visit the Church, and submit a report in writing to the General Committee.

18.—That all Plans for the building, enlargement, or restoration of Churches, Schools, &c., sent for the inspection of the Committee, be placed in the hands of one of the Secretaries of the Society, at least fourteen days before the Committee Meeting, for the Secretary to prepare a special report thereon.

19.—That the Committee have power at any Meeting to make grants towards the objects of the Society, provided that if such grant—other than that for carrying out the objects contemplated in Rules 15 and 16—exceed 30s., notice be given in the circular or advertisement calling the Meeting.

The Bi-Monthly Meetings of the Society are held on the last Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November—the Meeting in January to be the General Meeting for the transaction of business.

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NOTE.– The Society's Room is at Messrs. Clarke and Hodgson's, 5, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester, where the Library is kept, and is open daily for the use of Members. Any Member borrowing a book is requested to enter the title and date in the book provided for that purpose.

January 28th, 1884.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

was held in the Library of the Guild Hall, Leicester,

THE REV. J. H. HILL, F.S.A., in the chair.

A letter from Mrs. Poole was read, thanking the Society for the vote of condolence passed at their last meeting, and sent to her.

Resolved, that the Society subscribe for one copy of Mr. North's "Accounts of the Churchwardens of S. Martin's, Leicester."

The following noblemen and gentlemen were elected Presidents of the Society, to fill up the four vacancies thereon :—The High Sheriff of the County of Leicester, the Right Hon. the Earl of Dysart, the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, and Major the Hon. Montagu Curzon, M.P.

The Committee were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society: Colonel Baillie, of Ilston Grange; J. B. N. Entwistle, Esq., of Kilworth House, Rugby; R. A. Faulkner, Esq., The Ashlands, Ilston; Colonel Fryer, C.B., Aylestone Hall; Mr. S. A. Marris, The Roselands, New Humberstone; and the Rev. Philip Stocks, Great Bowden.

It was Resolved that an "Excursion Committee" be formed as a permanent sub-Committee of the Society, and that its first duty shall be to draw up, with careful regard to detail, a statement of what duties the Society requests of those members who may, from time to time, become a Local Committee, on the occasion of the Society's Annual Excursions; and that this statement be printed for the use of Local Committees.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, Captain Whitby, Messrs. Holyland and Wartnaby, and the three Hon. Secretaries, were elected to be such sub-Committee.

Resolved, that the leaflet containing a list of the Officers of the Society, and other information, be republished as altered, and that the names of the permanent sub-Committee be added thereto.

The Report of the Committee, and the audited Financial Statement, for the year 1883, were adopted and passed as follows :—

THE REPORT.

THE Committee of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society presents to the members its Twenty-ninth Annual Report. The bi-monthly meetings have been punctually held, but the attendance at some of them was

very small. Archæology has sustained a great loss in the death, in September last, of an old and valued member of this Society—the Rev. G. Ayliffe Poole, late Rector of Winwick. He wrote some admirable Papers on Church Restoration, which did much to improve modern taste in such matters. Besides this, he was an active writer on all Church questions, and was the author of a Diocesan History of Peterborough. Your Committee desired to show its sense of the worth of Mr. Poole's labours by requesting their Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. J. Freer, to send to his widow a copy of a resolution passed unanimously at their meeting of November 26th, which expressed their regret at his loss. A note of acknowledgment and thanks was subsequently received from Mrs. Poole. At a meeting held on April 2nd of the past year, some letters from Mr. North were read, which related to the publication by the Society of some Transcripts and Extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts of S. Martin's, Leicester. A sub-Committee was appointed to consider the matter, and it was resolved, with much regret, that the funds in hand did not justify the Society in undertaking the needful expense.

The Annual Summer Excursion took place on August 2nd, when the members proceeded by train to *Market Harborough*, where they inspected the fine old Parish Church, under the guidance of the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Stocks. After this the members drove to *Naseby*, where Canon Pownall read a short Paper on the celebrated battle field. Captain Ashby, of Naseby Woolleys, exhibited a number of interesting relics of the fight. *Welford* was the next halting place, and, after luncheon, the church was visited, by the kindness of the Rev. T. G. Gallwey, the Vicar. From Welford the journey was continued to *Stanford*, where a Paper on the Parish Church was read by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Sandon. This Paper will eventually be published in the *Associated Societies' Reports and Papers*. The members were most kindly and hospitably received at Stanford Hall by Lord and Lady Braye, to whom a vote of thanks was passed at the Society's Meeting held on September 24th; and after having inspected various pictures and antiquities, the return journey to Harborough was begun, by way of *Theddingworth*, where a short visit was made to this ancient and interesting church. The success of the meeting was mainly due to the exertions of Canon Pownall and the Rev. W. H. Sandon, to whom the members of the Society gave their warm thanks.

It is to be regretted that so few Papers have been sent to the Secretaries for reading and discussion; the following is the complete list for the past year:—1. *The Friar Preachers, or Black Friars, of Leicester*, by the Rev. C. F. A. Palmer. 2. *Notes from Early Leicestershire Wills*, by the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher. 3. *Notes on the Leicestershire Inquisitions post-mortem, from 34th Henry VIII., to 5th James I.*, by the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher. Among the most notable of the objects exhibited may be mentioned a lock of Edward the Fourth's hair, exhibited by Canon Pownall; a fine engraving of Oliver Cromwell, printed on satin, exhibited by J. B. Isherwood, Esq.; and a reliquary, the property of the Rev. F. P. B. N. Hutton, which had been exhibited some years back. Several churches in the county have been under repair during the past year, among which may be mentioned *All Saints'*, *Narborough*, which has been very successfully enlarged under the direction of Mr. Bacon. The unsightly galleries and high pews have been removed, and comfortable seats substituted. An entirely new roof has been put on the nave; the chancel has been rebuilt and lengthened; and an organ-chamber and vestry have been added. Altogether, the work reflects the highest credit on Mr. Bacon's taste and skill. At *Knossington* the church has also been enlarged, by the extension of north and south aisles; the fabric has been restored and beautified, at the expense of A. Duncan, Esq., of The Grange. The church of *Goadby Marwood* has also been repaired and partially restored; the north aisle and the chancel having been opened out, and the church entirely reseated and floored, the old carved bench ends being used for moveable seats for the chancel; the tracery

of the windows repaired, and the east window rebuilt with the old stone-work. It is to be hoped that the threatened alteration in the Newarke, Leicester, its ancient gateway, and St. Mary's Vicarage, will not take place. Your Committee will do all in its power to protest against what seems unnecessary interference with these interesting relics—nearly all that is left us of old Leicester.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
1883.				
Jan. 1.	Balance from old Account	23	0	11
Dec. 31.	Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year..	112	0	6
		£135	1	5
1884.				
Jan. 1.	Balance in hand ..	£58	16	7

Payments.		£	s.	d.
1883.				
Feb. 1.	Archæological Institute (2 years) ..	2	2	0
	Hall Keeper.. ..	0	9	0
	Grant for "Transactions"	35	0	0
	Expenses in part of Oxford Meeting ..	1	7	6
Aug.	Sundries, per Colonel Bellairs	0	13	0
Dec.	Williamson, share of Annual Volume ..	31	11	6
	Advertising	5	1	10
	Balance	58	16	7
		£135	1	5

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) THOMAS HOLYLAND.

The report and accounts were ordered to be printed. A vote of thanks to Mr. T. Holyland was passed, and he was re-elected auditor.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Mayor of Leicester, for his kindness in permitting the Society to meet in the Library of the Old Town Hall; to the Press, for reporting the proceedings so carefully; and to the Officers of the Society and the Committee, for their services during the past year.

The following objects of interest were then exhibited:—

By Mr. S. Knight, for Mr. Joseph Young:—A portion of a Roman breviary, believed to have been written in the fourteenth century, the gold initial letters being especially bright and pure.

By the Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A.:—Bronze medal of Isotta Atti di Rimini, third wife of Sigismond Pandulph Malatesta, Lord of Rimini and Fano, 1417—68; it was executed by Matteo Pasti, the Veronese sculptor, architect and painter, in that century. [See M. Armand's "Les Médailleurs' Italiens des quinzième et seizième siècles." Vol. I. p. 22.] On the obverse is a portrait of the lady, with the inscription—D.ISOTTAE.ARIMENSI. On

the reverse, a closed book with clasps, and the word ELEGIAE. At Rimini (the ancient Ariminum) in the great church of San Francesco, which was largely restored by Sigismond, and is covered internally with the coats of arms of the Malatesta and their alliances, among other architectural embellishments, appears his cipher, united with the cipher of the lady Isotta, whose portrait we see on this medal. Her medals are usually dated 1446; this is without date. The work of Matteo Pasti is far from being common, and is consequently valuable.—A black letter copy of the "Genevan Bible" (sixteenth century), in its original binding, but with clasps gone, and the book generally the worse for wear, age, and unfair usage. It contains the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, and the New Testament as far as the Acts of the Apostles. A Prayer Book (Queen Elizabeth's) has been bound up with it, but now only a fragment remains. At the commencement of the New Testament, after the title page, appears "The summe of the whole Scripture of the bookes of the Old and New Testament"; and then, "Certaine questions and answers touching the doctrine of Predestination, the use of God's Word and Sacraments." This book is one of the many editions of the Genevan Bible, which, dedicated to Queen Elizabeth, became the household Bible of the English speaking nations, and continued to be so for three quarters of a century. It was never sanctioned for public use in churches, but the convenience of its form, and the simple clearness of its notes gained it a wide popularity with the mass of the people. (Canon Wescott's "History of the English Bible.") It is one of the many editions which were brought out by Christopher Barker, or his "deputies," between the years 1560 and 1616; and it is further remarkable because the title page of the New Testament presents a curious anachronism in the date, which is printed 1495, and is altogether misleading. "The Newe Testament of our Lord JESVS CHRIST, conferred diligently with the Greeke, and best approved translations in divers languages. ¶ Imprinted at London, by the Deputies of Christopher Barker, Printer to the Queenes most excellent Majestie. 1495. ¶ Cum gratia et privilegio."

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead.—A double-bodied oval silver snuff-box, weight 4 oz. 1 dwt. The design, finished workmanship, and elegance of the engraving, reflect the greatest credit upon the artists. From the inscriptions inside, it is evident this would be a parting söuvenïr from the donor to the recipient. The whole of the exterior exhibits a diaper-pattern, formed of festoons of "Forget-me-not," the centres filled up with the same flower and roses. On the inside of one lid is engraven a funereal-urn, bearing the initials I. C. interlaced; over which is a wreath of leaves or flowers; round the urn, on a spiral scroll, inscribed "*Salve Æternum mihi Æternum que vale.*" On the inside of the other

lid, an oval tablet or shield, the outer margin encircled with leaves or flowers. The centre of the shield bears the initials P. H. interlaced; the whole surmounted by a scroll inscribed "*Mittit et accipias munera parva rogat.*" The box bears the stamp E C or F C (somewhat indistinct), the maker's initials, but judging from the style of the engraved letters forming the Latin inscriptions, one may fairly assign the date about 1730. This is a fitting opportunity of clearing up a doubt which existed as touching the probable use of an elegantly designed and carved object, representing the mythological subjects of "Pluto and Proserpine," and "Ganymédes," exhibited by me 1875, November 29th. This turns out to have been a "snuff-rasp" and box combined, of two centuries ago, some fine examples of which in ivory, tortoise-shell, boxwood, enamels, &c., were amongst the most remarkable collection of "snuff and tobacco relics" known as the "Bragge Collection" (since disposed of to the British and other Museums, &c.) The metal portion or rasp, wanting in my specimen, rendered the solution of the enigma the more difficult.

The Rev. W. H. Sandon contributed a supplementary Paper on

STANFORD CHURCH,

respecting the low side windows in the south-west corner of the chancel; the finding of a skeleton, probably of Alan de Aslakeby; the bells; and the arms in the windows;—which has since been incorporated with his Paper on *Stanford Church*, and printed in the volume of "Reports and Papers of the Associated Architectural Societies," for the year 1883.

March 31*st*, 1884.

The Rev. Canon Pownall, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., moved a resolution of condolence with Mrs. North on the death of her lamented and much-loved husband, the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., one of the Honorary Secretaries of this Society, and in suitable terms expressed his deep sorrow at the loss of a life so valuable to the Society and his friends. This was seconded by The Rev. Canon Pownall, who expressed with much feeling his sense of the services Mr. North had rendered to the Society, and his sympathy with his bereaved family. The Rev. Dr. Dickson and Mr. W. J. Freer supported the resolution, and a general feeling was expressed that it would be very difficult to fill the place left vacant by Mr. North. The resolution was as follows:—"That a letter of

condolence be sent to Mrs. North, expressing the regret of the Society at the great loss she has sustained, their deep sympathy with her, and their profound sense of the valuable services rendered by Mr. North to the Society for more than twenty-five years."

The following Biographical Notice of Mr. North has since been prepared by The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, and ordered by the Committee to be printed.

THE LATE THOMAS NORTH, F.S.A.

Mr. Thomas North, who died at the Plâs, Llanfairfechan, on the 27th February, 1884, was a native of Melton Mowbray, having been born 24th January, 1830. He was son of Mr. Thomas North of Burton End, Melton Mowbray, and grandson of Mr. Josiah North of Asfordby; and sprang from a family long resident at Burton Lazars, in the parish of Melton. When quite a boy, he entered the office of Mr. William Latham, Solicitor, of Melton Mowbray; but in 1845 came to reside at Leicester, having obtained an appointment in Pagets' Bank. Here he remained, residing for some years at the Bank House, High Street, until, in 1872, failing health compelled him to give up his work altogether, and retire to Ventnor, whence he subsequently removed, in 1881, to Llanfairfechan, and there he spent the remainder of his days.

From an early age Mr. North became interested in Archæology, and devoted his leisure hours to antiquarian pursuits and researches. Later in life he made Campanology his special study. He was elected an Honorary Secretary of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society in January, 1861, and edited all its Transactions and Papers from that time until his death, a period of twenty-three years. In January, 1878, he was elected an Honorary Member. He was also elected Honorary Member of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society, and Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Mr. North contributed upwards of thirty Papers, which were read before our Society, and subsequently printed in its Transactions and Papers. Amongst the most important of these were "Tradesmen's Tokens issued in Leicestershire," "The Mowbrays, Lords of Melton," "The Constables of Melton," "Leicester Ancient Stained Glass," "The Letters of Alderman Robert Heyricke," &c. Eight of these Papers related to Melton Mowbray. Indeed, Mr. North conceived the idea of bringing out a History of his native town, but never lived to complete it. His materials will, however, be invaluable to any future Historian of Melton Mowbray.

The larger works of Mr. North were "A Chronicle of the Church of S. Martin, Leicester," published in 1866, a most valuable work, indicating considerable learning and research, and which has been frequently referred to in several ecclesiastical suits; "The Church Bells of Leicestershire," 1876, which was speedily followed by books on the Church Bells of Northamptonshire, 1878, Rutland, 1880, Lincolnshire, 1882, and Bedfordshire, 1883. And at his death he had in preparation works on the Church Bells of Herts, Essex, and Salop, which it is to be hoped may yet be published. These volumes on Church Bells contain good accounts of the various Bell Foundries and Founders, and much information on the subject of Bells; but the actual Inscriptions and Marks are sometimes incorrectly given, owing to their being supplied by the clergy and others who had not always the requisite special knowledge. He had also in the press at his death "The Accounts of the Churchwardens of S. Martin, Leicester," which has since been brought out (in 1884) by his executor, the Rev. W. Langley, Rector of Narborough.

Mr. North long suffered from lung disease, and hæmorrhage from time to time, but was in his usual state of health up to two days before his death, when he was taken with great breathlessness, caused by a sudden congestion and weak action of the heart, and he quietly passed away on the 27th February, 1884, at "The Plâs," Llanfairfechan, where he resided. He had married, at S. Martin's, Leicester, on the 23rd May, 1860, Fanny, only child of Richard Luck, Esq., Solicitor, of Leicester, and had one child, Herbert Luck North, born in 1871. His widow and son survive him.

Mr. North's character was one of strict integrity and thorough consistency. As Churchwarden of S. Martin's and S. Matthew's, in Leicester, he helped forward the work of the Church in a very exemplary and devoted manner. His name and memory will ever be beloved, honoured, and revered by all who knew him. The Rev. George Venables, Vicar of Great Yarmouth, has paid a touching tribute to his memory in "Church Bells," in the course of which he says:—"A most humble-minded and unpretending man, he had thought, and read, and studied much, and was a man of unusually sound judgment and discretion. An honest, straightforward churchman, his influence for good was very much greater than it appeared to be, for no one could listen to his humble, kind, and withal uncompromising way of stating any matter without being affected by it. . . . . During my four years ministry at Leicester he was one of the Churchwardens of S. Matthew's. I must adhere to the title which I once gave to Mr. Thomas North, and call him 'the model Churchwarden.' He taught me much, and his gentle manner, admirable tact, assiduous attention, and quiet way of looking out for anything that could be used advan-

tageously, were really wonderful and beautiful. S. Matthew's during my time owed much to him, for which possibly I get most of the credit. . . . . Wherever he has gone, whether in the Isle of Wight or in Wales, he has invariably proved himself in some way to be the good churchman which he was in every sense, by furthering Church work, and always in the same loving, gentle spirit which marked the working of his really determined mind. . . . . Few men under the same condition of circumstances could have done as much good solid work for the Church of God as he, and in this particular one feels persuaded that his light has so shone before men that his example will encourage many more, and so glorify his Father God. He gave the impression of a man who desired to be good, and whose delight was to do good."

The Committee of our Society, in remembrance of his valuable services to it as Honorary and Editorial Secretary, have resolved to place a brass in S. Martin's Church to his memory, which Mr. F. W. Ordish has kindly undertaken to design.

The Rev. Edward Collett, of 28, Melbourne Road, Leicester, was elected a member of the Society.

A letter from J. O. Scott, Esq., relative to the new decoration in Lutterworth Church, was read, and Colonel Bellairs, F. W. Ordish, Esq., and Rev. A. Trollope, were appointed a Sub-Committee to visit Lutterworth, and report at a Special Committee Meeting, to be held on the 28th of April.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By The Rev. J. E. Stocks: Three ancient documents, dated 17 and 41 Edward III., and 36 Henry VIII., relating to property at Great Bowden and Market Harborough, of which he read the following abstracts:—

I. An Indenture dated the Friday next after the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, in the 17th year of Edward III., at Haverbergh, by which Thomas Reyner of Haverbergh grants and confirms to Thomas his son and Olive his wife and their lawful heirs 20 acres of land in the fields of Magna Boudon, viz.:—in the S. Field: 3 roods lying together extending "super Croftum Johis Pydele," 1 half acre lying second from the gore on the East, 1 half acre second from the gore on the West, 9 roods "subtus Croftum dicti Thome Reyner extend in to Weland," 2 roods on Stanyhull second and third from the gore on the West, 7 roods and a half together against the sun next the land of Master Geoffrey on the East, 6 roods lying together extending over Sevenewell, next the land of Adam de Sutton on the North. One rood and a half on Holebergh next the gore on the West, 2 roods and a half on the same furlong next the land of John Bircher on the East, 1 rood on Querrademylde next the headland on the East, 1 rood and a half "in to Lobenhambroke," next the land of Richard de Smetheton on the South, 1 thrittifal against the sun next the land of Adam Dekene on the W. 1 thrittifal

on Nethirrademylde fourth from the road on the W , 1 rood of land in to lobenhambroke next the land of Hugh Luffe on the N. In the East Field: 1 rood and a half of land lying "ubi Godwynes oxe morieabatur" next the land of Richard de Smeton on the E. 2 roods together on the same furlong next the land of Thomas Waggner on the W. 1 rood on the same furlong 7th from the head 1 rood and a half on Shorthilrene 4th from the gore on the W., 1 rood and a half on Helthirne next the land of Thomas son of Thomas Yol on the West, 1 thrittifal "in to Gasewell" next the land of Geoffrey Yonge on the W. 1 half acre on Longehilrene next the land of John de Pydele on the S. 1 rood and a half under Kyngesterne next the land of Clementia Bate on the S., 3 roods together on the same furlong next the land of Clementia Bate on the N. 1 rood and a half on the same furlong 4th from the gore on the W., 1 rood under Broddole next the land of Wm. Patchet on the West. Another rood under Broddole next the land of Wm. de Goddesalve on the W. 1 rood and a half under Broddole next the land of John Andrew, Chaplain on the E. In the North Field: 1 rood and a half extending in to Foxtongate 2nd from the gore on the N., 1 rood and a half and 1 thrittifal on Schirdaycotes together next the land of Thomas Patchet on the E., 2 roods under Portgates next the gore on the E., 2 roods under Schirdaycotes next the land of John Andrew, Chaplain on the E., 1 half acre on Galhou next the land of the Rector on the N., 1 half acre at Westwell next the land of Thomas Averey on the W., 1 thrittifal at Westwell next the land of Master Geoffrey on the W., 3 roods together on le Brest next the land of Thomas Piere on the W., 1 rood on le Brest 2nd from the gore on the W., 1 half acre in Toucrofte next the land of John Berches on the E. 3 thrittifal lying together on Nethirportgate next the land of Adam Dekone on the W., at a nominal rent of 1 rose flower yearly to be paid on the feast of S. John the Baptist, the property to revert to Thomas Reyner if there should be no lawful issue. Witnesses Richard de Smetheton, Richard de Foxton, Robert de Newton, Richard Cristion, John Andrew, Peter Piere, John de Brampton clerk and others.

II. An Indenture dated the Monday after the Feast of the translation of S. Thomas the Martyr, 41 Edw. III. at Haverbergh, by which John de Beolton, Chaplain, gives grants and confirms to Thomas de Alyngton and Juliana his wife a certain yearly rent of 1 rose flower arising from all his lands and tenements which Thomas Reyner holds of him in Haverbergh and Magna Boudon for the term of the life of the said Thomas Reyner together with the reversion of the said lands and tenements on the death of Thomas Reyner. If Thomas de Alyngton and Juliana die without heirs, then the lands tenements rents reversions &c. are to go to Thomas Cristian, Thomas son of Richard de Stonton and Emma and Letia daughters of John son of Thomas Reyner and their heirs for ever. Witnesses: Richard de Foxton, Richard de Boresworth, Thomas Rag, Richard de Leycester, Wm. Andrew de Haverbergh and others.

(Seal with armorial bearings).

III. Letters Patent of King Henry the VIIIth by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the Faith and on Earth supreme head of the Ch. of England by which for a payment of

13s. 4d. license is granted to John Beaumont Esquire and Henry Alycock gentleman to have and to hold a toft in Haverbergh late in the tenure of Robert Astell, and formerly belonging to the Monastery of the Meadows (mon. de pratis) Leycester, situated in a certain street in Haverbergh called Lubenham lane, between the land late in the tenure or occupation of Robert Hasilbridge on the E. and the land late in the tenure of Richard Osborne on the W. and abutting on the land late in the tenure of Thomas Richardson on the S. and on the King's highway on the N. Also license to the same to alienate to John Prior the toft and Rectory of Norton in the Co. of Leicester formerly belonging to the Monastery of Osulveston (Owston) reserving to themselves the advowson and patronage of the Vicarage of Norton. Also licence to the said John Prior and that he and his heirs may hold the said toft and Rectory in perpetuity subject to the specified exceptions.

Westminster 10 May, 36th year

Wa. Southwell.

Irrotulatur. Coram Roberto Burgoyn. Audit.

By The Rev. Routh Tomlinson: Mediæval gold ring found at Pontefract; on the bezel is represented S. Christopher; the date is the latter half of the fifteenth century.

By The Rev. A. Trollope: A snuff rasp in ivory.

By The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher: An enamelled watch of French make, said formerly to have belonged to Archbishop Cranmer, and now the property of Mr. Rowland Bosworth, of Leicester, his collateral descendant in the ninth generation; also a printed pedigree showing the connection between the Bosworth family and Archbishop Cranmer. The watch has the maker's name "*Johan Augier A Paris*" engraved; and has pictures in enamel of the Holy Family on the back, and two river scenes on the face and inside. It is preserved in a plain golden case of later date.—Letter from the Old Pretender, signed James R., dated December 23, 1743, addressed to the army in the service of the Usurper, also the property of Mr. Rowland Bosworth.

By Mr. Joseph Young, Leicester, through Mr. Samuel Knight: An almost complete series of Leicestershire seventeenth century farthing and halfpenny tokens, some of them not mentioned in Mr. T. North's list, printed in the "Reports and Papers of the Associated Societies," vol iv., p. 180, as follows:—Ashby-de-la-Zouch seven, Belton (unpublished) two, Burrough one, Burton Overy (unpublished) one, Hinckley three, Leicester (Borough) twenty-two, Loughborough six, Lutterworth one, Market Harborough eight, Melton Mowbray three, Mountsorrel two, Waltham (on the Wolds) one; Rutland Tokens: Uppingham one, Oakham one; total fifty-nine.

By The Chairman: 1. Medal, oval in shape, cast; obv. QVINTINVS METSYS; portrait (side face) of Quentin Matsys, 1460-

1529, the blacksmith of Antwerp who became a painter; under the bust, 1494. He is represented wearing a cap, long hair, open collar. Reverse, none. 2. Medal in lead, cast; obv., portrait of Albert Durer, the wood engraver and artist, 1471-1528; side-face, cap, robe with fur collar. In the field the well-known monogram, A inclosing a D.; dated 1514. Rev., HAS HABET ET SVPERAT. The three Graces, with attendant Cupids. This legend is also found on a medal attributed to Leone Leoni, 1510-92, which that artist produced in honour of Isabel of Portugal, wife of the Emperor Charles V.

By MR. J. E. WEATHERHEAD: Two examples of Roman pottery, disinterred in the Wigston School grounds, near Highcross Street, on December 28th, about ten feet deep, and presented to the Museum; about which Mr. Weatherhead read the following notes:

In the way of archæology I have to record the find of two examples of Roman relics (one of more than *ordinary* interest) disinterred within the boundaries of the Wigston School grounds, in the neighbourhood of Highcross Street, December 28th, 1883, about ten feet deep. They have been presented to our Town Museum by the Governors, &c., of the institution. By the kind permission of the Curator, I am enabled to produce photographs of these relics, executed by my son, John Rose. The one *(unique* in this locality) is an inscribed hollow flue-tile of coarse dull red clay—length seventeen inches; width seven inches; depth five-and-a-half inches. On either side is an oblong-square hole for the purpose of conducting heated air. Inscribed on one of the broad surfaces, roughly scored, and in thickly fluted characters PRIMVS. FECIT (in two lines). After the verb (but separated by rude scoring continued from under the word *fecit*) occurs a mark or cross (which I specially note is in the same scored and fluted style). From careful inspection I am satisfied that this has no special significance, being simply a scoring or filling up, at the caprice of the maker. There are two *uninscribed* flue-tiles in the Museum, discovered I believe, in Talbot Lane, April 16th, 1868. I cannot omit mention of an example of even larger dimensions *(a Hippocaust tile)* close upon a foot in width, discovered as far back as 1851, together with a tesselated pavement, in the Cherry Orchard, both preserved in the Museum. In 1850, in the course of a series of excavations made for the enlargement of Mr. Rust's manufactory, close to the Jewry Wall, a most remarkable mass of masonry was discovered, in which were imbedded not only fragments of earthen pipes, but a vast quantity of flue-tiles filled up with concrete, crossing each other in all directions, and affording an appearance exactly like the cells of a honeycomb! Illustrations of the various forms of flue and

other tiles, most commonly used in Roman buildings, are given in "Wright's Celt, &c.," second edition, p. 155.

The other relic consists of a "*Mortarium*" or culinary article for pounding vegetable and other substances, of large size and perfect, material of course clay, colour of a dull drab, diameter fifteen-and-a-half inches, depth four-and-a-half inches, surface of the interior studded with small particles of quartz, to counteract attrition, and bears the impress of the Potter's stamp (?) CENNI. F. (Cennius fecit) four times repeated on the rim.

Mr. Weatherhead also exhibited a Grant by Henry VIII., in 1543, to Francis Cave, for £598 9s. 10d., of land at Baggrave and Rotherby, previously belonging to S. Mary de Pratis and other religious houses, to be held by the service of a fortieth part of one knight's fee, about which he read the following notes :—

The kindly loan of the accompanying interesting and local document on parchment has enabled me to give a brief summary thereof, viz. :—Letters patent, dated 2 November, 35 Henry VIII., 1543, with the Great Seal of England appended. The Grant (after setting forth due acknowledgment of the consideration money, £598 9s. 10d., paid into the Treasury or Court for the augmentation of the revenue of the Crown) being made to Francis Cave, Esquire, and Margaret, his wife. This Francis Cave, of Baggrave, who I find died 1584, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Lisle, of Surrey ; he was father of Sir Thomas Cave, and grandfather of Sir Alexander Cave (both of Baggrave). The property alienated consists of certain messuages, lands, &c., situate at Baggrave and Rotherby, late belonging to the "Monastry of S. Mary de Pratis, Leicester,"—the "Priory or Hospital of S. John of Jerusalem, in England,"—the "Preceptory of Dalby and Rothley,"—and the "Priory of Chacombe, or Chaucombe, in the County of Northampton." The general suppression and dissolution of Monasteries, Abbeys, &c., took place about 1538. "The religious order of the Knights Templars had at a very early period a considerable part of the lordship of Baggrave ; and Hugh de Chaucombe granted half the Church of Rotherby, and a yard-land there, and 8 yard-lands in 'Shevesby' (Shearsby) (confirmed by Edward III.) to the Priory of Chaucombe."—*Nichols.*

The following extracts from *Nichols* evidently refer to the same person :—"Soon after the dissolution of the Abbey of Leicester, this Manor, (Baggrave,) with many other Lands belonging to that Abbey in this County, was granted by King Henry VIII. to Francis Cave, LL.D." "Francis Cave, Esquire, who occurs in the reign of Queen Mary, at the head of a commission issued by Her Majesty, to make certain enquiries in the county, died 1584, seized of certain property in Babgrave, held of the Queen in capite, by the

service of a fortieth part of a knight's fee." The premises comprised in the Grant in Baggrave were of the clear annual value of £29. 16s. 2d.; those in Rotherby, £3 9s. 1d. [*decima inde non deducta.*] The Habendum-clause vests the property in the said Francis Cave and his wife for the term of their lives, &c., and to the Heirs and Ass^{s}. of the said Francis for ever; "To be held of us our Heirs and successors in capite, by the service of 'the fortieth part of one Knights fee' *(per servitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis)*, and rendering to 'us and our successors' annually, for the property in Baggrave £2 13s. 7½d.; and for the Lands, &c., at Rotherby 7s. 6½d., in the name of tenths." The Testimonium clause runs thus:—"In testimony of which matter, we have caused these our Letters-patent to be made, I myself being witness at Ampthill (Bedfordshire) the 2nd day of Nov^{r}., in the 35th year of our reign." [*Teste me ipso apud Ampthill secundo die Novembris Anno regni nostri tricesimo quinto.*] After the Caves, about 1641, the Baggrave property came into the hands of the Coke's; from the latter this lordship came, about the year 1680, by purchase, to the Edwyn's; and ultimately became the inheritance of a distinguished family, of whom the late Major-General Edwyn Sherard Burnaby, M.P., was a lineal descendant; and who is succeeded by his son (a minor) Algernon Edwyn Burnaby.

April 28th, 1884.

Committee Meeting. The Rev. J. B. Dickson, LL.D., in the chair.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher was appointed Honorary Editorial Secretary, in the place of the late Mr. Thomas North, F.S.A.

Mr. F. W. Ordish, having visited Lutterworth Church, read his report thereon, but the consideration thereof was adjourned.

The following Rules for the Local Excursion Committee were read and adopted:—

1. The Committee to ascertain places of interest in the proposed neighbourhood, and the means of access thereto; the accommodation for refreshments (including board and lodging, if necessary), and the prices of same; and also to arrange for conveyance by road or rail.

2. To draw up and submit an itinerary and time-table to be sent to the Secretaries.

3. To arrange with local authorities for permission and facilities for viewing and inspecting places and objects of interest.

4. To assist the Secretaries generally in the management of the excursion.

May 5th, 1884.

Adjourned Committee Meeting, J. W. Wartnaby, Esq. in the chair.

The Rev. A. Trollope read the report of the Sub-Committee on the mural decorations in Lutterworth Church, which was adopted and passed, and a copy directed to be sent to Mr. T. H. Watson, of Lutterworth, as follows :—

Report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society to examine the mural decorations in Lutterworth Church.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with your request, your sub-committee have visited Lutterworth Church and have made a careful examination of the mural decorations which have recently been carried out within that building.

Before acquainting you with the result of that examination we wish it to be understood that we are by no means opposed to the adornment of the walls of churches with coloured decorations. On the contrary, we are strongly of the opinion that the majority of our churches are much in want of decoration of that kind; which, if properly executed, cannot fail to instruct and to assist the devotion of those who worship within walls so adorned. And moreover, believing as we do that the house of God should be as goodly and as beautiful as those assembling within it can make it, we repeat our opinion that mural decorations within our churches are most urgently needed.

Within Lutterworth Church the following portions of the walls have been recently decorated; A portion of the western face of the chancel arch; the east, north and south sides of the chancel; the east walls of both north and south aisles; and a portion of the west end of the nave.

Your sub-committee are of the opinion that the decoration upon all these walls is bad; bad both in colouring and in design; and consequently incapable of promoting the spiritual knowledge or of assisting the devotional thoughts of those whose eyes rest upon it.

On first entering the church the eye is attracted to a pair of large angels, one on each end of the chancel arch, immediately

under the ancient fresco of the resurrection. In size these angels are two large, so much so, that they tend to dwarf the figure of our Saviour in the fresco above. Upon the wall below these figures is a stone shaped design, painted in various shades of red. This design painted in red is repeated to excess upon each of the walls recently decorated, and is in each case, dark, flat, heavy and inharmonious. In the wall to the right of the chancel arch is a tall shallow recess which might have been seized as a favourable position in which to place some striking design. It is filled with the above mentioned monotonous red stone shaped design surmounted by a minute monogram.

Entering the chancel, the colours on the walls are at once seen to be illassorted, the design meagre. Upon either side of the east window is an oblong frame quite out of keeping with the architectural features of the church, the one enclosing an arrangement of grapes and wheat, the other a lily. Upon the side walls within the sanctuary is some colouring harmonizing slightly better; but the remaining part of the chancel walls are covered with decoration, agreeing badly one part with another.

Turning to the south aisle the eastern end is decorated in a manner which we cannot commend, but which is not so glaringly faulty as that on the corresponding end of the north aisle. Upon either side of the arch in the east wall of the north aisle is a medallion, the one containing the head of the Saviour crowned with thorns, the other the "Agnus Dei." Both are unpleasing. And the two medallions agree so ill with one another, that a confusion of symbolism is the result.

Finally, turning to the lower end of the church, some decoration, partly completed, may be seen upon the west end of the nave. This is on a level with the rest. Upon the lower part of the wall is figured some foliage as heavy in character as that which has been drawn elsewhere; it is apparently all stalk. Above is again the red stone shaped design surmounted by a hideous embattlement, beyond which is a band of blue transected by thick uneven black lines.

Your committee have thus described a few of the leading features of the recent attempt at decoration within the walls of Lutterworth church. In giving this description we might have entered still more into detail. But to have done this would have been only the making of a wearisome repetition. Enough of the work has been described to show the disastrous effect which this decoration has upon the interior of the church.

Fortunately your committee are able to report that before their visit to Lutterworth had been paid, orders had been given for the work to be stopped. It now remains to be decided what should be done in order to rescue this interesting building from the colouring which has been effected within it.

We venture to make the following recommendation. That the Bishop of the Diocese, the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Rector and Churchwardens of Lutterworth, and others, should unite in at once promoting the proper decoration of the church. And that, with the exception of preserving intact the ancient frescoes, the whole should be recommenced *de novo*. Your committee feel confident that if the authorities mentioned would undertake to consult an architect of reputation, who is known to have executed well work of this nature, an appeal for funds made by them, to all persons interested in this church, would be amply responded to. The result would be a memorial most fitting to the worth of the great churchman whose name will be ever closely linked with the name of this church; the five hundredth anniversary of whose death we commemorate this year.

May 26th, 1884.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

A letter from Mrs. North was read, thanking the Society for the vote of condolence passed at their last meeting.

An invitation having been received from the Northampton Architectural Society to join them in their Summer Excursion to Peterborough, Oundle, and the neighbourhood, in the first week in July, it was resolved that this Society accept the invitation.

Resolved that the old stained glass in the possession of the Society be exhibited at the next meeting, with a view to see what had better be done with it.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. F. W. Ordish: A photograph of a memorial to Earl Brownlow, erected June 12th, 1867, in Belton Church, Lincolnshire; and one of a tablet to Robert Baker, C.B.

By Mr. T. Canner: A second bronze coin of Titus, found some ten days since in a cutting ten feet deep, near Evans's Mill. Obv., head of Cæsar to right; the inscription was as follows:—"TCAES IMP. AVG. P TRP. COS. VI. CENSOR." Rev., full length figure of Fortuna with cornucopia; "FELICITAS PVBLICA."

By Mr. F. E. Bigge: An elegantly engraved silver watch in a case of beautiful workmanship (*temp.* Charles I.) with a head of that king in a medallion. This watch was given to Mr. Richard Hatton Walker on Naseby Field, and by him to the Rev. Richard Walker, of Gaulby, who gave it to Mrs. Stockdale; she gave it to Miss J. E. Ord, who gave it to F. E. Bigge, Esq. Also two letters from goldsmiths in London, in 1825, with a bill for the Communion Plate for Kibworth Church.

By Messrs. Goddard and Paget: Drawings and Plans of S. John the Baptist's Church, now in course of erection on the Clarendon Park estate, near the London Road.

By Colonel Bellairs: Several specimens of Roman pottery (Samian and other ware) found in a recent excavation near the Newarke.

By Captain Whitby, for Major Knight: The photograph of a Roman milestone found at Rhiwiau Uchaf, Llanfairfechan, North Wales, two feet below the surface, on 9th January, 1883. Height, six feet seven inches; diameter, sixteen inches. Inscription:—"IMP. CAES. TRAI. ANUS, HADRIANVS, AVG. P. M. TR. P. P. P. COS. III. A. KANOVIO M.P. VIII."; which extended is as follows:—"Imperator Caesar Trajanus Augustus Hadrianus Augustus Pontifex Maximus Tribunitia Potestate Pater Patriae, Consul Tertium. A. Kanovio millia passuum octo." The last part of the inscription, "A Kanovio millia passuum octo," is quite correct, as it is exactly eight miles from Conway. This stone is now in the British Museum.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: Curious old rack, or pothook, for suspending a cauldron over a fire; consisting of a flat oblong piece of iron, the back of which bears evident traces of having been hammered or beaten out. Length of notched portion (which is surmounted by a figure of a nondescript bird), three feet two-and-a-half inches; width, five inches; the lower part being extended and recurved as a broad hook. The general surface smoothed and nicely engraved with scroll-work, dragon heads, and a nondescript bird with talons. Alongside, and extending the entire length, is a bar, to the lower portion of which is attached a moveable slot or catch, which admits of the notched portion being raised or lowered at will. The bar, the curve of which is so adjusted as to allow of the rack hanging perpendicularly, is furnished with a loop or ring (of one piece with the bar) for the purpose of suspension. The hook bears the word "Anno," the date, however, being obliterated by constant abrasion of the handles of the heavy cauldrons in the act of placing on and removing. A rack similar in style is in the South Kensington Museum, but the upper part pierced with a two-headed eagle and two men on horseback, and the hook capped with brass; this is German, of the seventeenth century. Mr. W. T. Key, connected with the art department of the South Kensington Museum, has kindly compared the one in Mr. Weatherhead's possession with that example, and is of opinion that it also is of German workmanship, and the probable date the latter part of the sixteenth century.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Meeting was held at Peterborough, in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Society, on Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th of July. The members of the Society proceeded at half-past nine a.m. by train to Barnack, where they met the Northamptonshire Society at half-past eleven, and were conducted over

Barnack Church,

by the Rev. Canon Argles. The church is exceedingly interesting, the tower being of Saxon architecture, and having a curious sun-dial on the south side. Canon Argles stated that S. Wilfred dedicated all his churches either to S. Peter, S. John the Evangelist, or S. John the Baptist. On this tower are the emblems of all these Saints—the cock on the south, the dove on the west, and the eagle on the north side. S. Wilfrid had land given him "near Stamford," by one who was the eleventh in descent from Bernek; this *may* have been here, and S. Wilfrid *may* have built this church. Tradition says there was formerly a religious house in the churchyard. The tower is Saxon, showing the long and short work of that period, and is, perhaps, the oldest in England. It is built of "Barnack rag," a noted durable stone, formerly found near here, and much used for church building. The spire is later, of early English work. The east window is late fourteenth century, but its ornamentation is peculiar, having curious crockets and crevasses, resembling those in Merton College Chapel. This work has been copied by Sir G. Scott at S. Alban's. Barnack Church was formerly dedicated to S. Peter, but since it came into possession of Peterborough Cathedral the name was changed into S. John Baptist. On the south side is a chapel built in the fifteenth century by Sir Thomas Browne; and it contains the founder's tomb. The font is early thirteenth century work. On the north side of the tower are Norman arches, as are also the arcades of the nave. The west end of a Saxon Church was often used as a place of judicature. It was probably so here; for there are stone risors round the tower, and oak seats formerly rested on them. On the west was the throne, where the Judge sat for judicial purposes; there are two aumbries or recesses, where the records were probably kept. Remains of burnt stones and wood have been found; the tradition being that Swen burnt Barnack down. The De Bernaks, who lived at the Manor House near, had a private door into the church, which still exists, on the north side. Leaving Barnack, the party took carraiges, and drove to

Wittering,

where is an old Saxon church dedicated to All Saints, consisting of nave and chancel; on the south side of the chancel some "long and short work" occurs at the angles of the nave and chancel, showing the original dimensions of the Saxon church. The Saxon chancel-arch has some curious moulding; and the projecting impost blocks from which the arches spring are square-edged and perfectly plain, being probably left unfinished. There is a Norman circular font with the drain at the side. After luncheon at Wansford, the party drove on to

Nassington,

where they found the very beautiful church under process of restoration. It is now called S. Mary, though Ecton says it is dedicated to All Saints. The Vicar (Rev. D. W. Barrett) very kindly gave an excellent description of the church. The tower has a good Norman arch and doorway. The north aisle is Early English; the south aisle decorated with an Early English west-wall. The nave, clerestory, and chancel are later. There are some slight remains of mural paintings on the walls, also some old benches or seats, and a Jacobean pulpit, with frame for an hour glass. The spire is very beautiful, and has the date "1646" on a Norman foundation, and the initials, "F. W.," probably those of Francis Willcocks, a former vicar, who was ejected at the rebellion, and died before the restoration of Charles II., and of whom some account may be found in Walker's "Sufferings of the Clergy." The register commences in 1560, and no less than sixty-eight died of the plague here in 1604. On a table in the church were placed some Saxon remains, including an old shaft of a cross, with figure of the crucifixion, sun, moon, spearmen, &c. At the west-end of the church is the manor house, with an old stone staircase. Amongst the Prebends of Nassington have been Sudbury, Archbishop of Canturbury; Woodville, Bishop of Salisbury; Archbishop Whitgift, &c. The party then proceeded to

Fotheringhay.

The church (formerly collegiate) was erected in 1415 by the Dukes of York, and is dedicated to S. Mary and All Saints. The tower has a fine lantern. The chancel has long since disappeared, and to rebuild it would probably cost £11,000. Its stalls went to Tansor, and its fine eagle lectern is now at Oundle. In the church are tombs, erected by Queen Elizabeth, to Richard Duke of York, nephew to Edward Duke of York, and father to Edward IV., who was slain at Wakefield, 1459, and to Cecily, his wife, daughter of Ralph Neville, first Earl of Westmoreland, also to Edward Duke

of York, who was slain at Agincourt, 1415. There are also matrices of brasses under the communion table. The original pulpit remains, with a later canopy. On a board is this inscription, which records the date of the church :—

"In Festi Martyrii Processu Martiniani
Ecclesiæ prima fuit hujus Petra locata
Anno Christi primo centum quatuor ac mille
Cum deca quinta Henrici quinti tunc imminente secundo
1415."

The Castle, which was long the residence of the Plantagenet Dukes of York, and where Mary Queen of Scots was confined from September, 1586, to the following February, and where she was beheaded, 8th February, 1586-7, has long since disappeared. Only a mound of grass, and some rubble, now remain.

Warmington

was the next place visited. The church, dedicated to S. Mary, has an Early English nave, tower, and spire, with perpendicular chancel. It is considered a very fine specimen of rich Early English, approaching decorated. A curious feature is the original nave roof, which is wholly groined in wood. The pulpit is perpendicular, and has paintings of our Lord and various Bishops, of fifteenth century work. The lower part of the chancel screen is original, perhaps 1450 to 1460 ; the upper part, which is highly decorated, was by the late Sir Gilbert Scott. Near the East window is a curious bracket of an image ; the figure is the upper part of a man, who is sheathing his sword in his own body, with two harpies at his head. The whole church is frequently referred to by Bloxam ; and was restored by the late Sir Gilbert Scott. The party then proceeded to

Polebrook,

where the Rector kindly conducted them over his church. This is now called All Saints', but perhaps should be S. Laurence, as the feast is always held after the 10th of August. The church is Early English. The north transept may have been used for a chantry or guild, and is very interesting, with its stone seats round. In the chancel is a fine double piscina. The old wooden chancel screen has remains of painting upon it, and the roof is described by Bloxam as a good specimen. The manor and church, from the reign of Henry III., belonged to the Abbey of Peterborough, until its dissolution. The party then proceeded to

Oundle.

The Church contains the original eagle lectern from Fotheringhay, which was found in the River Nene, near that place, into which perhaps it had been thrown as a monument of idolatry; the claws are cut off, having been perhaps of silver, and so stolen. The church is mainly Early English, with decorated windows inserted, and a fourteenth century tower, and spire, perhaps rebuilt in 1634. The pulpit is of late fourteenth century work. The party then went by train to Peterborough.

On the second day (Friday) the members went by carriage into Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire. After inspecting Woodstone Church, of which the tower is towards the end of the twelfth century, but the nave and chancel have been almost entirely rebuilt, they drove to

Orton Longville.

The Church here is very interesting, as being all of one date, fourteenth century. On the north wall is a curious fresco painting of S. Christopher and the Child. A low side window remains on the south side of the chancel. There is a hagioscope on either side of the entrance into the chancel. In the north chapel are monuments to several members of the Marquess of Huntley's family, also to Sir Charles Cope, Bart., also to Elizabeth, wife of Henry Talbot, younger son of George, Earl of Shrewsbury, 1629, and a recumbent cross-legged effigy, which appears to have been recut.

Orton Waterville

was the next place visited. The church was erected in the fourteenth century, and is dedicated to S. Mary the Virgin. There are chapels on the north and south sides, and a hagioscope remains on the south side of the church. The old oak communion table and reredos are worth notice. Perhaps the most noticeable feature in the church is the sixteenth century pulpit, carved with floreated work, which originally was in the University Church (S. Mary's) of Cambridge, and was purchased by Roger Long, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, for this church, about one hundred years ago, at the sum of £3 3s.

Alwalton

was next seen. The church is dedicated to S. Andrew, and has an early thirteenth century tower. The north side of the nave is twelfth century, the south side later. On the north side of the

church is a recess, which some of the members thought was an Easter sepulchre, others a founder's tomb. Here is a low side window, a late thirteenth century piscina and sedilia, and a twelfth century font. The western doorway is transition. The village feast is kept the week before Christmas. At

Chesterton

is part of the base of an ancient cross in the churchyard. The church is mainly Early English; with a later broach spire. The chancel is debased; there is a good chancel-screen. At the east end of the north aisle is a tomb, with kneeling figures to Sir Robert Bevill, and his son Sir Robert Bevill who died in 1611, and their wives and families. Also an inscription to William Beinple (Beinv'le; Bevill) who died in anno 1 Richard III. There is also a monument to John Dryden, Esq., 1707, who lived at Chesterton House, and was cousin of the poet. The altar-table has a marble slab, with good wrought iron supports. The party then drove to

Stibbington.

On the way, near the Ermine Street, they noticed the site of the old Durobrivæ camp. Before entering the village a whipping-post and stocks were observed. The church has a fine Norman doorway, with billet moulding, at the west end. The arcade is Norman. There are Early English lancet windows in the side aisles. The chancel is Early English, and has two lancet windows in the east end, and a quatrefoil light above. It has a low side window on the north side; also a small narrow circular-headed window. There is a monument to John Hanger, D.D., rector twenty-four years, born 1572, died 1638. Outside the church is a stone effigy of a priest, the head missing, vested in chasuble, stole and maniple; which was found used as a gatepost to an adjoining field, before it was placed in the churchyard.

Sutton

is a very interesting little church situate on the river Nene; it has no tower, but only a campanile with two bells. The capitals of the Norman chancel arch are very richly carved, but the arch itself is modern. A figure of a crouching lion remains, which was formerly the end of a stone bench running along the wall but which has been removed. The north door is Early English. The party next proceeded to

CASTOR,

where they had luncheon. The church, dedicated to S. Kyneburgh, has a very fine central enriched Norman tower, of two storeys above the arches on which it is raised, with a fourteenth century spire. The nave arcades and isles are thirteenth century. Over the priest's door, on the south side of the chancel, outside the church, is the dedication stone, with this inscription :—

XV. KL
MAI. DEDICA
TIO HUI' ECL'E
AD. M°C°XX IIII.

In the north transept is a portion of a shrine with a series of niches, and pedestal for an image, and in the south transept is a curious thirteenth century coffin lid, the lower part plain, at the upper end the head and shoulders of a priest or civilian, dressed in a high collar, with his hands joined in prayer. Over the north porch is a Norman sculpture representing the Saviour nimbed, his right hand raised, and the left holding a book which appears to have been the tympanum of a Norman door. The interior woodwork of the roof is richly carved with angels bearing shields ; and wooden figures of angels and bishops adorn the south porch. The whole church is worthy of careful inspection, and deserves a minute description, which there is not space for in this brief notice. The party then drove through Milton Park to

MILTON HOUSE.

the seat of the Fitzwilliam family, parts of which date from the sixteenth century. In the hall, Mr. Sykes read a short account of the Fitzwilliams, and their connection with Milton, including a biography of Sir William Fitzwilliam, Knight, who entertained Cardinal Wolsey here, as he was journeying to Leicester Abbey after his fall. In the hall was noticed a black Jack, inscribed with the royal crown, and "C. R., 1646." The pictures here are splendid, and include a fine series of views in Venice by Canalletti, the Forum of Rome by Pannini, and paintings by Rubens, Claude, Guercino, Snyders, Murillo, Benvenuta, Zuccarelli, Poussin, several by Sir Joshua Reynolds (including his well-known "Puck"), Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt, &c. Amongst others were noticed the following :—William, first Lord Fitzwilliam ; Catherine, Lady Fitzwilliam ; Hugh, fourth son of John Fitzwilliam of Sprotborough ; Bryan, third son of Sir William Fitzwilliam ; Thomas, Earl of Strafford ; Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, by Mytens ; King Charles I., by Mytens ; Katherine, wife of William, first Lord Fitzwilliam, died 1642-3 ; William, Lord Fitzwilliam,

died 1643-4; Colonel Hutchinson, by Van Dyke; King George II.; Sir Robert Walpole; John, second Earl Fitzwilliam, by Sir Godfrey Kneller; Anne, Lady Fitzwilliam; Henrietta Maria; Charles, second Marquess of Rockingham, by Reynolds; King James I.; Henry, Prince of Wales; William, fourth Earl Fitzwilliam, by Reynolds; Sir G. Savile, Bart., by Reynolds; Sir William Fitzwilliam, K.G., Earl of Southampton, Lord Keeper and Lord High Admiral, temp. Henry VIII. (who entertained Cardinal Wolsey at Milton), by Holbein; King James I. as a boy, given by Mary, Queen of Scots, in whose bedchamber it hung, to Sir William Fitzwilliam, her guardian at Fotheringhay, on the morning of her execution. A family Bible, with entries from 1806 to the present time, was also noticed. The members greatly admired the house and its contents, and the beautiful park. On leaving Milton, the parties drove straight to

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL,

Where they were shown over the works now going on, by Mr. Irvine. He kindly pointed out the causes which led to the decay of the structure, the Norman pillars being little more than tubes filled with rubble, and so insufficient to bear the weight above. In digging the foundations, some of the portions of the early Saxon buildings were brought to light under the tower. The members inspected these, and also noticed a mediæval stone coffin near them, which was found, but which has not yet been opened. The party also visited

S. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH,

Over which they were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Syers, who also showed them a portion of an ancient cope, and some old churchwardens' accounts, dating back to the reign of Edward IV., which also contain a curious entry of the gift of a gown to old Scarlett, the Sexton, whose portrait hangs in the Cathedral. Most of the party returned to Leicester by the 6.45 p.m. Great Northern train, well pleased with their excursion to Peterborough and the neighbourhood.

July 28th, 1884.

THE REV. J. H. HILL, F.S.A., in the chair.

RESOLVED that in future the Transactions of the Society should be published annually.

Also that a Catalogue of the books and other publications and drawings belonging to the Society be made, and printed in the next part of the Transactions.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher: Two Deeds, relating to premises in Scropton, co. Derby, dated 20 December 9 Charles I., bearing the signatures of William Burton (the Historian of Leicestershire, who is therein described as "of Linley in the County of Leicester Esq.") and Cassibelan Burton, his son and heir.

By the Rev. Andrew Trollope: Two Roman Coins. One, a first brass of Vespasian; Obverse: Head of Vespasian, IMP. CAES. VESPASIAN. AUG. PM. TRP. PP. COS. Reverse: SPQR. PP. OB. CIVES. SERVATOS. The other, a first brass of Titus; Obverse: Head of Titus, IMP. CAES. VESP. AUG. PM. TRP. PP. COS. VII. Reverse: JUDEA. CAPTA. S.C. A male Prisoner (or Soldier) standing, two female prisoners seated under a palm-tree. These coins show the difference between the heads of Vespasian and his son Titus.

By the Chairman: A fine piece of carved oak, the property of Mr. Warren of Cosby, which formed part of a bedstead of Elizabethan date, formerly in the old Hall at Cosby belonging to the family of Bent.

Dr. Maynard's complete Translation of the whole works of "Flavius Josephus the learned and authentic Jewish Historian and celebrated warrior," beautifully embellished with a large number of line engravings, and published by subscription at the express command of King George III.

A folio volume of Sermons of Launcelot Andrewes, published by the express command of King Charles II. The book, the fifth edition, was printed in 1661 by Gabriel Bedell and Thomas Collins of London, and contains ninety-six Sermons, and the additional Sermon which was preached before two kings on the 5th of November, 1606. Andrewes was Chaplain-in-Ordinary to Queen Elizabeth, and was highly esteemed by Kings James I. and Charles I. He was consecrated Bishop of Chichester in 1605, translated to Ely, and afterwards advanced to the See of Winchester. He was considered to be the finest preacher of his day; and was one of the translators of King James's Bible. He was born 1565 and died in 1626.

An early copy of King James's Bible. The Title Pages are as follows: "The Bible: Translated according to the Ebrew and Greeke, and conferred with the best Translations in divers Languages. With most profitable annotations upon the hard places, and other things of great importance, as may appeare in the Epistle to the Reader. And also a most profitable Concordance for the ready finding out of any thing in the same conteined.

¶ Imprinted at London by Robert Barker, printer to the King's most Excellent Majestie, 1611." "The New Testament of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Conferred diligently with the Greeke, and best approved Translations in Divers Languages. ¶ Imprinted at London by Robert Barker, printer to the King's most Excellent Majestie. 1610." Both these title pages are embellished with emblems of the Twelve Tribes, the Twelve Apostles, and the Four Evangelists.

It was in the year 1604 that King James I. commissioned fifty-four learned men of the Universities and other places to make a new translation of the Bible. The work was commenced in the spring of 1607, and at the end of three years was finished. It was afterwards reviewed by Bilson, Bishop of Winchester, and Dr. Miles Smith. This translation was published in 1611, and called King James's Bible.

The copy now exhibited (remarked Mr. Hill) seems to have originally belonged to Richard Otterbourne, Esq., the representative of a very old Yorkshire family; and has the following written at the end of Malachi: "Unus e Libris Richardi Otterborn De Appleton Alumni Lastinghamnensis 1742. Wm. Otterborn, his hand; Richd. Otterborn, his hand. Eliz: Otterburn, her hand; Robert Hill." It was since given by James Thorpe of Appleton le Moors to the Rev. John Cass Glaves, Rector of Stonton Wyville, at the sale of whose effects I bought it in the year 1860. Appleton le Moors is a chapelry in the parish of Lastringham, a village in Yorkshire, near to Pickering.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: A Deed, dated in 14 Edw. III. (1341,) being a Grant from John Hakeluth, of Aueloxton (Allexton) and Alice his wife to Robert le Smyt, of Halughton (Hallaton) of a messuage, &c., in the town of Halughton, lying at the end of the said town, between the dwelling-house of the lord Tho: de Gaythil, rector of the moiety of the church of Haloughton (the two moities were united in 1723) lying between the manor of the said John Hakeluth on the one side and the King's highway on the other side. The Reddendum clause, after specifying the customary services to be performed "at our Court," further stipulates for the return of one rose annually (una cum redditu unius floris rosæ annuatim) "to us and our heirs." Nichols, in his description of Allexton, mentions "Hackluit's Manor," and that John de Hakeluit died in 1362 seised of the Manor of Allexton, in right of Alice de Nevill his wife. The lordship of Hallaton from the earliest times was divided into two capital manors, "Peverel's or Engaines," and "Anselin's or Bardolf's," both held of the fee of Peverel; and, attached to this was a subordinate Manor, called "Hackluit's or the Dutchy Manor." In 1346, John de Engaine, Joan Bardolf, and John Hackluit, on the aid then granted for knighting Edward of Woodstock, the King's eldest son, were

assessed thirty shillings for three parts of a Knight's fee in Hallaton, parcel of the honour of Peverel. In 1362, John Hackluit, who in 1317 had married Alice, daughter and heir of Theobald Neville, died seised of a messuage and lands at Hallaton, held of the heirs of Robert Peverel. His son William Hackluit, died about 1372-3 without issue; and Margaret, his sister and heir, brought the Manor of Hallaton by marriage, to William Dexter, who was servant to King Henry IV. when Earl of Derby; and their granddaughter Margaret brought it to the family of the Vowes.

In the chancel window of Hallaton Church were the arms of Hackluit:—Argent, in a bend cotised gules, three mullets of the field. This John Hakeluth gave his name to the lordship, which to this day is known as "Hackluit's Manor."

The following is an extension of this old deed:—

"Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Hakeluth de Auelaxton et Alicia uxor mea dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Roberto le Smyt de Halugton suis heredibus et assignatis in perpetuum estambiu' unum mesuagium cum curtilagio adjacente et omnibus aliis pertinentiis in villa de Halugton sicut iacet ad finem dicte ville inter Mansionem domini Thome de Gaythil rectoris medietatis ecclesie de Halugton ex parte una et mesuagium Johannis Bron ex parte altera videlicet pro uno mesuagio iacente in dicta villa de Halugton cum omnibus suis pertinentiis inter manerium predicti Johannis Hakeluth ex parte una et viam regiam ex parte altera. Habendum et tenendum dictum mesuagium cum curtilagio adiacente et omnibus aliis pertinentiis predicto Roberto le Smyt suis heredibus et assignatis libere quiete integre bene in pace et in perpetuum de capitalibus dominis ffeodi illius per servicia inde de iure debita et consueta ffaciendo insuper duos adventus per annum ad curiam nostram et heredum nostrorum in perpetuum una cum redditu unius floris rose annuatim reddendo nobis et heredibus nostris ad festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste. Et nos predicti Johannes Hakeluth et Alicia uxor mea et heredes nostri predictum mesuagium cum curtilagio et omnibus aliis pertinentiis predicto Roberto le Smyt suis heredibus et assignatis contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus et defendemus in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus, Willielmo Edwyne de Halugton, Johanne de Blaston, Willielmo Softynges, Hugone Weyse, Adam le Bay de eadem et aliis. Dat' apud Halugton die mercurii proximi post festum Sancte Trinitatis Anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestu quarto decimo."

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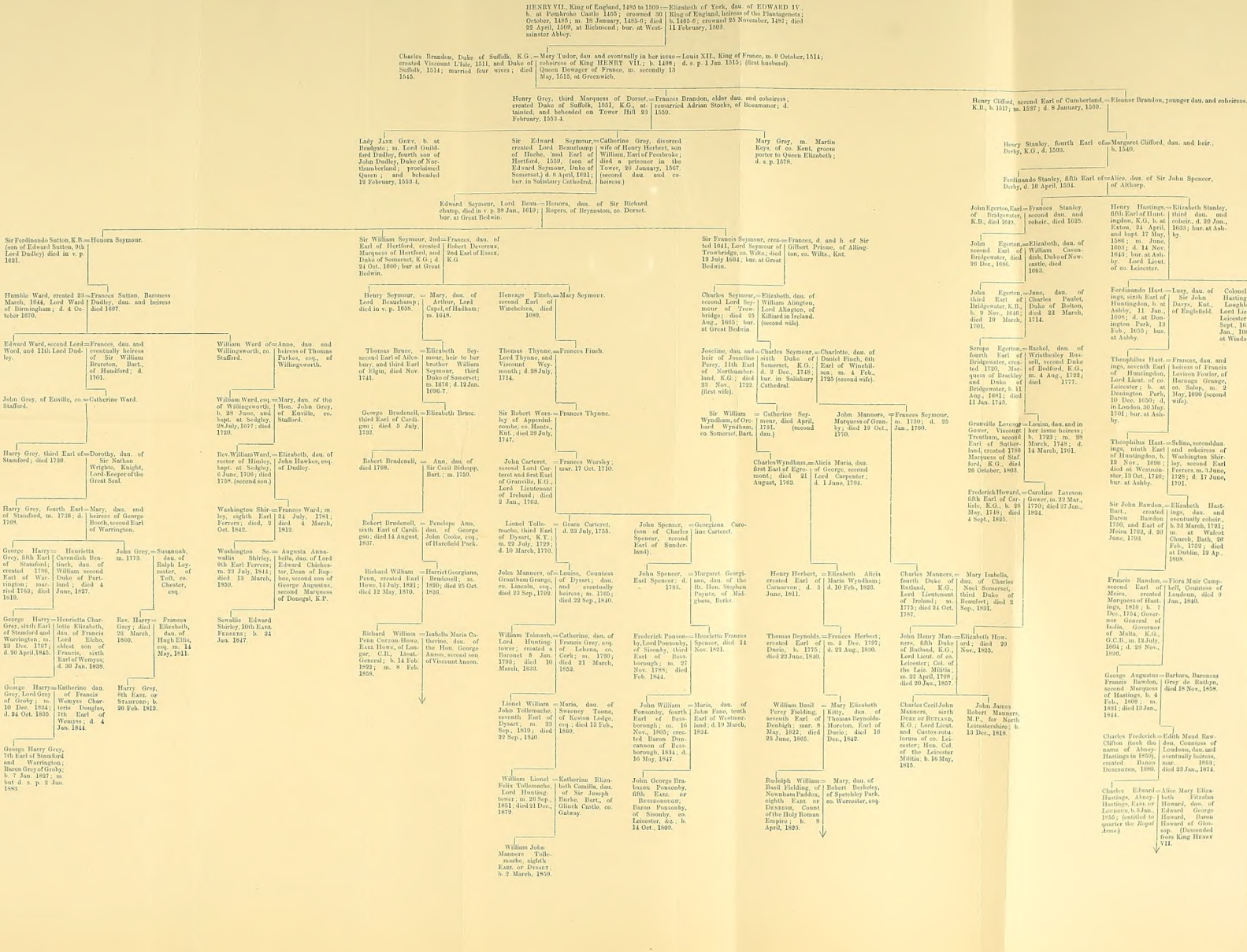
Descent of Leicestershire Peers from Henry the Seventh, King of England.



September 29th, 1884.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Chairman and the three Hon. Secretaries were appointed a committee to carry out the arrangements for placing a brass in S. Martin's Church to the memory of Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., and for other purposes.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher: A large printed pedigree of the family of Babington of Rothley Temple.—Also a MS. pedigree showing the descent of eight Leicestershire peers from Henry VII., viz., the Duke of Rutland (through two granddaughters of that King), and the Earls of Bessborough, Denbigh, Dysart, Ferrers, Howe, Loudoun, and Stamford. Royal descents traced from the Plantagenet Kings are very common; those from Henry VII. are more rare. After the reign of that King there is no regal source to which we can trace any existing families in this country, except the Royal House itself. The pedigree is printed on the annexed sheet.

By Mr. F. Morley: A specimen of filagree work of the seventeenth century, by Lady Pickering, of Tichmarsh, Northamptonshire.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: Silver coin of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy from 1466 to 1477. Ob., "Karolus Dei Gra. Dux Burg., Co. Fla."; re., "Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum." Found in 1882 near Leicester.—Penny of Ethelred; ob., "Edelred Rex Anglo;" re., "Æscman mo. Stanf." Found in 1866, at Duddington, Northants.—Also upper portions or necks of three Salopian vessels, with masks or faces (those of females) depicted thereon, ornamented with the usual red pigment. Fragmentary examples of this curious pottery are figured in Mr. Wright's "Celt, Roman, and Saxon." No. 1, discovered in 1861, in South Bond Street; No. 2 (in Mr. Weatherhead's son's possession), discovered in 1881 in West Bond Street; No. 3, discovered, with other Roman relics, November, 1882, between Pocklington's Walk and Rupert Street, about ten feet deep, in excavating for the site of the new Poor Law Offices. Nos. 1 and 3 are the property of the Museum, and were kindly lent to Mr. Weatherhead by the Curator. They are of special interest, inasmuch as this particular character of fictile ware is of rare occurrence in this locality.—Roman urn of coarse blackish ware, four inches high by seven inches in diameter, ornamented with a crimped pattern about an inch below the rim; discovered while excavating for the foundations of a warehouse in Newark Street, Jan., 1840.—The larger portion of a similar vessel (without the crimping ornamentation)

found between High Street and Silver Street, about ten feet deep, when getting out cellarage for the "Royal Arcade."

By the CHAIRMAN: Transactions and Excursions of the Birmingham Archæological Society for the years 1880 and 1884, containing the history of Kinver Church, by the Rev. John Hodgson, M.A., F.S.A., F.G.S.; and a valuable paper respecting the well and church of S. John the Baptist, Berkswell, by Jethro A. Cousins, with illustrations; with other important papers.

The REV. W. G. DIMOCK FLETCHER then read a paper, entitled

EXTRACTS FROM LEICESTERSHIRE REGISTERS RELATING TO THE HASTINGS FAMILY,

which is printed in the Volume of Reports and Papers of the Associated Architectural Societies for the year 1884.

November 24th, 1884.

THE REV. J. H. HILL, F.S.A., in the chair.

Letters were read from the Secretaries of the Society of Antiquaries, London, and the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, thanking this Society for copies of its Transactions.

The CHAIRMAN in suitable terms then proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Thomas Agar, Esq, for many years a valued member of the Society, and who took great interest in its work, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Ven. Archdeacon Pownall for kindly presenting the Society with a copy of his interesting pamphlet on "The Papal medals of the fifteenth century."

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited —

By MR. W. J. FREER (for The Rev. W. B. Beaumont) :— Copy of a Petition from the inhabitants of Cole Orton, seventeenth century, touching the decay of their Parish Church. The Petition was found among some old documents by E. Fisher, Esq., and placed by him with the papers and deeds of the Beaumont family. It runs as follows:—

"To the Righte Reverend Father in God Humphrey, now Lord Bishop of London.—The humble petition of the inhabitants of Cole Orton, in the countye of Leicester, humbly sheweth, that in the reign of that sacred martyr, Charles the I. (of ever blessed memory), above 40 years agoe the house of the Right Honourable Thomas Beaumonte Viscounte Swords, was made a garrison, and the Parish Church was also included

within their bulwarks, where, whilst these rude Oliverians stayed, they made greate spoyle, and committed many outrages, keeping sentinell in the church while they defaced a stately monument of the Beaumont's noble familye, broke down all the windows, threw down the battlements, caused all the lead from off the three isles to be carried away and embessled, and pluck'd down many houses adjacent, whereof a fine parsonage house, new built, was one; by this rude action, ever since the fatal battle at Nasebye, we have been exposed to all inconveniences of storms and tempests, so that many times to our unspeakable griefe, we have been driven from our devotions, and now the roofes, having so long lain without coveringe, are all rotten, and the walls which should have supported them being in many places fallen downe, we are afraide to enter the church when there is any high windes, least it should fall upon oure heads and entombe us quick. We being a lamentably poore parishe, most consisting of colliers, and so dispairinge ever to repaire it, have formerly made our addresses to the General Sessions, and did procure their informatione and request to His Sacred Majestye to grant us his letters pattant, without which it will fall to rubbishe speedily. We had four able workmen, a mason, a plumber, a carpenter, and a joiner, who upon their oaths certified that 1391 pounds would not complete it as formerly it had been; therefore we jointly begg your gracious assistance, so shall we be bound to pray for your Lordship's health and everlasting happinesse hereafter."

By The Rev. A. Trollope: Imitation antiques made of lead, sent to him as being silver and very valuable, and as having been dug up by a farmer near Nottingham.

By The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher: "Descent of the family of Whatton (of Loughborough, &c.), 1825," with MS. additions.—"The Portraicture of His Sacred Majesty in his solitudes and sufferings, 1648." Has a good impression of the frontispiece, with King Charles I. engaged in prayer. Also, Appendix containing prayers used by His Majesty in the time of his sufferings. Inside is printed, Martha Fletewood, her book, 1662.

By Mr. J. W. Wartnaby: A book entitled "An Introduction to the Skill of Musick," in three books, by John Playford, thirteenth edition, printed by E. Jones, 1697.

By Mr. T. Canner: A Roman brass coin, pierced. Obv., Head of an Emperor (Magnentius?). Rev., Monogram of the word Christus, CHR., with Alpha and Omega.

By Mr. S. Knight: A somewhat rare coin of the Lower Empire. Obv., Bust of the Emperor Leo. VI. (who succeeded Basilius in 886 A.D., and died 911 A.D.), with a diadem surmounted by a cross. + LEON BASILEVS ROM. Rev., LEON EN THEO BASILEVS ROMEON.

By Mr. A. Peach: A seal or leaden bulla of Pope Nicolaus IV., 1288-1292.

By The Chairman: A printed biography of Bishop Moore,

"The Father of Black Letter Collectors," by his descendant the Rev. Cecil Moore. Dr. Moore was a native of Sutton-in-the-Elms, in this county, educated at Market Harborough School, and Clare Hall, Cambridge. In 1670 he was appointed Chaplain to Earl Nottingham, Lord Chancellor in the time of Charles II. He was Rector of Blaby in 1681. He received his D.D. degree at his own University, and was afterwards appointed Rector of S. Andrew's, Holborn, London, and was consecrated Bishop of Norwich in 1691. He is spoken of highly by Evelyn in his diary. He died, July 31st, 1714, aged sixty-seven, and was buried in Ely Cathedral, immediately behind the reredos. This Paper, which originally appeared in "The Bibliographer," will be found reprinted hereafter.

By Captain Whitby: The Accounts (in MS.) of The Rev. T. Baker, from 1752 to 1774.

"This reverend gentleman was born at Barlestone, in this county, early in the last century. His family had held land in that parish for upwards of eight hundred years, and his lineal descendant, Miss Selina Baker, still holds the broad lands of her forefathers, and occupies the house in which Mr. Baker lived and died. He held no preferment, but assisted the clergy in the neighbourhood. He was very methodical in his accounts, dividing them into four heads, viz.:—house-keeping, clothing, pocket money, and gaming. This reverend gentleman mixed in the best society, saw a great deal of pleasure, was not particularly abstemious, gave away liberally, was a constant attendant at the Atherstone Assembly Balls, Book Club, Bowling-green, and Floral Festival. He also hunted a little, and was decidedly a sportsman, and his expenditure varied from £57 to £137 a year. Looking cursorily at these accounts, they appear dry and not worth consideration, but if examined they are found to be of great interest, as an example of the habits and cost of living of our forefathers a hundred and thirty years ago. I jot down a few items as an example of these accounts."

1752, March 7, a lobster, 1s.
Gallon of rum, 9s.
A gallon of wine, 7s.
4½ Strikes of malt, 16s. 6d.
1½ lbs. of hops, 2s. 3d.
October 20th, propagation gospel, 2s. 6d.
Abell's boy for schooling, 2d.
1752, May 21st, 1½ lbs of eel, 6d.
May 23rd, 1½ lbs. of pike, 9d.
2 lbs. of sugar, 1s. 4d.
½ lb. common tea, 2s.
6 Glasses, 5s. 8d.
A dozen pounds of candles, 5s.
10th, Removing horse shoes, 4d.
27th, Two beehives, 1s.
October 10th, for Tom's haymaking, 1s.
For Moll's haymaking, 1s.
To Mr. Tylecote for strike of oats, 1s. 6d.

To Cope for a day's work, 8d.
1752, July 2nd, Mr. Deacon for a suit of clothes, 9s.
For making ditto, 9s.
For a pair of breeches and waistcoat second hand, 14s.
18th, To Mr. Holwell for a new hat, 15s.
December 13th, Grinding strike of beans, 2d.
March 26th, Won a wager of Miss Hannah, 6d.
May 14th, Won at the green at bowls, 8s.
July 13th, Lost at Bowls at Gopsall, 1s.
1762, October 26th, Uncle Hextall, for grass for my horse a month, 10s.
November 17th, Vincent a month's keep of my horse, 4s.
1762, October 14th, for a bust of Prince Charles, 1s.
Sept. 28th, Spent at clergy meeting at Market Bosworth, 2s. 6d.
March 26th, Couple of fowls, 1s.
June 26th, 6 lbs. of salmon, 2s. 6d.
1771, Barrel of oysters, 2s. 2d.
Sept. 9th, For mending my coursing coat, 4d.
1771, Oct. 13, For three pair of dancing gloves, 3s.
Oct. 15th, Burgumot pears, 1 gallon, 6d.
Sep. 23, To Tom Biddle for a wig, 12s.
Dec. 5th, For two pairs of black woolstead stockings, 4s. 6d.
3 pairs of light grey stockings, 7s. 6d.
For 3 pairs of russet do., 7s. 3d.
1766, To Davis, for making a pair of leather breeches, 3s.
Buttons, thread, tape, leather, for a waistband pocket lining and flap, 6d.
1755, 20th July, towards buying a bassoon at Barlestone, 5s.
March 16th, 1763, To Hill, a travelling fellow, 2d.
April 6th, 1759, Won in hiding under hand, 13s.
29th March, 1758, For a ticket to the play, 2s.
28th, March, 1757, For ink, 1d.
30th, For ¼ hundred of quills, 2d.
April 3, Given at the Sacrament, 1s.
14th, To Tom Smart, for a cancer, 2s. 6d.
1752, Sept. 20th, Lost at bowls at Gopsall, 3s.
1766, Feb. 19th, Lost upon the Shrove Tuesday Football, 6d.
June 17th, Won at chuck upon the green, 1½d.
1767, April 11th, Won at chock, 4s.
May 2nd, Won at pitch and tussle, 10½d.
June 30th, Won at tossing up, 4d.
April 4th, 1766, To Master Tom Eborall, for a couple of rabbits, 1s.
For a leg of mutton, 3s. 4d.
Dec., For a pair of snuffers, 4d.
Jan., For a chamber pot, 3½d.
1752, Nov. 7th, To Vincent for grass for my horse a month, 4s.
Won in gaming in 1774, £4 5s.
Lost in gaming in 1774, £1 13s. 6d.
Pocket money spent in 1774, £33 16s. 5d.
Housekeeping expenses, 1774, £26 0s. 2d.
Clothing expenses, 1774, £6 11s. 5d.
Winnings deducted, spent in 1774, £57 16s.
Mr. Baker died at the early age of 51, and was buried in the chancel of Barlestone Church.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher read the following Paper on

SOME EARLY NOTICES OF THE HERRICK FAMILY.

It is not generally known that one of the sons of Sir William Heyrick, Knight, the purchaser of Beaumanor, emigrated to America, and founded a family there. This was Henry Heyrick, his fifth son, who was born at Beaumanor, August 16th, 1604, and named Henry by command of Prince Henry, his godparents being Sir David Murray, Mr. John Spilman, and Lady Aston. Many hundreds of his descendants, in every sphere of life, are now to be found in America; and an account of them was published nearly forty years ago by General Jedidiah Herrick. A new edition of this work being now in course of preparation by Dr. L. C. Herrick, of Columbus, Ohio, this gentleman lately wrote and requested me to assist him in his effort to elucidate the early Pedigree of the Family. I have therefore made somewhat prolonged searches in the Probate Courts, the Hall Books of the Corporation of Leicester, and various Parish Registers; the result being that a great deal of information hitherto unknown has been brought to light. A portion of this I now have the pleasure to bring before the Society's notice, merely premising that what is here given has not yet been published, either in Nichols' Leicestershire or elsewhere. It throws great light upon the early history of the Herrick Family.

Extracts from the Registers of S. Martin's, Leicester, which commence in November, 1558.

Baptisms.

1559. December. The vth day John the sonne of Mr. John Eyricke was baptised.

1562. December. Itm the ixth day William the sonne of John Eyricke was baptised.

1564. Julye. Itm the xixth day Alice the daughter of John Eyricke was bapt.

1569. Aprill. The vijth day. Marye the daughter of Robert Eyricke was baptised.

1571. Aprill. Itm the xvth day. Jhon the sonne of John Eyricke was baptised.

1571. August. The vth day. Nathaniell the sonne of Robert Eyricke was baptised.

1572. July. Itm the same [vjth] day Tobye the sonne of Robert Eyricke was baptised.

1573. October. Itm the same [fourth] day Marye the daughter of John Eyricke was bapt.

1574. November. Itm the xxxth day Elisabeth the daughter of Rob^{rt} Eyricke was baptised.

1575. ffebruarye. The xijth day. Sarah the daughter of Rob^{rt} Eyricke was baptised.
1576. Aprill. Itm the same [xvth] day Thom's the sonne of John Eyricke was baptised.
1576. October 24. Hesther the dau. of Rob^{rt} Eyricke.*
1578. Jan. 25. Elisabeth the dau. of John Eyricke.
1579. Jan. 24. Ruth the dau. of Rob'rt Eyricke.
1582. Dec. 9. ffrancis the dau. of Robert Hericke.
1585. June 1. Martha the dau. of Rob'rt Eyricke.
1586. Feb. 12. Susannah the dau. of Robert Eyricke.
1590. Aug. 1. Dorcas the dau. of Robert Hericke.
1591. Maye 15. Marie ye dau. of Thom's Eyricke.
1597. Feb. 14. Robert the son of Thomas Eyrick.
1598. Dec. 15. Marye the dau. of John Eyrick.
1599. Julye 22. Anne the dau. of Mr. Tho: Eyricke, Chamberlin.
1600. Aprill 27. John the son of John Eyricke.
1600. Oct. 19. Elizabeth dau. of Tho: Eyricke.
1602. June 20. Anne dau. of Tho: Eyricke.
1602. July 4. Robert son of John Eyricke.
1603. Sep. 11. James son of Tho. Eyricke.
1604. Oct. 21. Elizabeth dau. of John Eyricke.
1606. May 4. Joyse dau. of Tho. Hericke.
1606. Jan. 25. Edward son of John Eyricke.
1607. May 31. Edward son of Tho. Eyricke.
1611. Oct. 6. Marye, dau. of John Hericke.
1614. Nov. 25. Susannah dau. of John Eyricke.
1633. Nov. 3. William, s. of Robert Eyricke.
1635. April 5. Thomas, s. of Robert Ericke and Alice.
1636. Sept. 9. John, s. of Robert Erick, Chapman and Alice.
1637. March 18. Robert and Alice, children of Robert Ericke, Chapman, and Alice.
1639. June 9. Mary, d. of Robert Erricke, Chapman, and Alice.
1640. Febr. 24. James, s. of Robert Erycke, Chapman, and Alice.
1641. March 13. Anne, d. of Robert Ericke, Chapman, and Alice.
1642. Sept. 7. Anne, d. of Robert Erick, Chapman, and Alice.
1642. July 23. Robert, s. of Robert Erick.
1646. Sept. 15. Thomas, s. of Robert Ericke and Alice.
1652. April 26. Thomas, s. of John Heyricke and Katherine.
1653. Nov. 12. Benjamin, s. of Robert Erick, mercer, and Alice, born.
1659. Sept. 3. John s. of Mr. John Herricke, and Katherine, born, and baptized 15th.

Marriages.

1561. October. The xxvjth daye Robert Davye, and Agnes Eyricke were maried.
1567. November. The xjth day Rob'rt Eyricke, and Elisabeth Manby were maryed.
1568. October. The xixth day John Eyricke, and Elisabeth ffrethe were maried.

* I have not thought it necessary to give the entries after this in full, exactly as given in the Register.

1586. December. The xiijth day Richard Hinde and Alice Hericke were maryed.
1588. November. The xxth day George Brooke and Christian Eyricke were maried.
1590. November. The xth daye Thomas Sacheverill and Mary Eyricke were maryed.
1603. November. The viijth day Tho: Noble and ffrances Eyricke were maried.
1605. June. The 4th day George Rogers and Ruth Eyricke were maried.
1606. October. The vjth daie John Wheeler and Martha Eyricke were maried.
1612. ffeb. The 9th day. Wm Hill and Susannah Hericke were maried.
1613. October. The vth day Robert Milner and Marie Hericke were maried.
1613. November The xxxth. Richard Sarson and Alice Hericke were maried.
1614. August The first daie. John Tompson and Marie Hericke were maried.
1618. May The xxvjth daie John Collier and Dorcas Hericke were maried.
1622. Julye The ixth Henry Koote and Elisabeth Hericke were maried.
1624. October The vj th Willia' Hall and Joyse Hericke were maried.
1626. January. The xvjth Nicholas Beckett and Anne Hericke were maried.
1627. Aprill The xxixth Thomas Hardyman and Emme Ericke were maried.
1627. Januarye The xixth Henry Pilkington and Mary Hericke.
1637. Sept. 4. Thomas Wetherall of Wimondham labourer and An Heyrick spinster were married.
1657. Decemb: 3. John Herricke gentll' of the greay ffryears & Mrs. Katharine Armestrong was Lawfully published & maried.
1665. Nov. 30th John Goadebey of Earle Shilton and Alice dau: of Mr. Robert Earicke of this parish.
1701. Jan. 13. John Heyrick and Anne Man widow.

Burials.

1562. Aprill. The viijth day Nicholas Eyricke was buryed. v. bells.
1570. Aug: 8. Nathaniell, son of Robert Eyricke.
1582. Julye 27. Elisabeth, the dau. of John Eyricke.
1587. Oct. 30. John Hericke. v. bells.
1592. June 18. Marye, dau. of Thomas Eyrick.
1598. Dec. 30. Marye, dau. of John Eyrick.
1601. May 15. Anne, dau. of Thomas Hericke.
1604. March 19. the sonne of Tho: Eyricke.
1607. May 26. John Hericke.
1607. July 1. Widd. Hericke.
1609. Sept. 7. the sonne of John Hericke.
1611. Dec. viijth Mrs. Hericke the Elder was buried.
1612. May 31. Mary Hericke.

1612. Oct. 19. Elizabeth Hericke.
1618. June xvjth Robert Hericke was buried.
1623-4. ffebr. 14. Susanna Hericke was buried.
1625. June 8. Thomas Ericke.
1626. April 21. Marye Ericke.
1626. Sept. 5. Mrs. Elizabeth Hericke.
1627. July 24. Mary Herick.
1628. Oct. 2. Mrs. Marie Hericke.
1633. July the xxvjth Mr. John Hericke was buried.
1636. June 27. Thomas, s. of Robert Ericke, Chapman.
1638. July 8. Robert, s. of Robert Heyrick, Chapman.
1638. August 17. Mrs. Elizabeth Whatton.
1639. Oct. 29. Mrs. Elizabeth Heyricke, widdowe.
1639. Nov. 4. John, s. of Robert Erricke, Chapman.
1642. Aug. 1. James, s. of Robert Herricke.
1642. Sep. 7. Ann, d. of Robert Herricke.
1649. June 1. Lidia, d. of Mr. Robert Erick.
1649. June 11. Elizabeth, d. of Mr. Robert Erick.
1650. Sept. 5. Mr. Tobias Erick.
1652. Dec. 29. Katherine, wife of Mr. Jo: Ericke.
1652. March 8. William Eyrick of Beaumanner knt. was buryed.
1652. March 21. Thomas, son of Jo: Erick, gent. was buried.
1654. Feb. 16. John Whatton, Esq.
1655. Sept. 25. John Heyrick of Beaumanor Esqr.
1659. Jan. 5. John s. of Mr. John Hereick.
1666. March 30th Mr. Robert Earicke, mercer was buried.
1681. September 25. Thomas Heyricke.
1682. July 24. John Heyricke, gent.
1696-7. Jan. 17. William Heyrick, Gent^{l}.
1710. April 27. Abigail Swift widow.* 70 y. Affidavit delivered 26th.
1719. May 17. John Heyrick. 32 y.
1723. May 20. Martha wife of Mr. Thomas Heyrick.
1730. March 29. Catharine, wife of Thomas Heyrick, gent. 23 y.
1757. Jan. 14. Mary wife of Thos. Herricke, Gent. 48 ys.
1766. Dec. 13. Thomas Herrick (gent.) 73 y.

Extracts from the Registers of Market Harborough.

Births

1653. James sonne of Thomas Herricke borne ij Aprill.
1659. Sarah daughter of Thomas Herricke, 29th March.

Baptisms.

1662. Mary daughter of Thomas Herricke was baptised August 31st.
1663. Samuell son of Thomas Herricke was baptized ffebruary 21st.
1684. Lucas son of Mr. Thomas Hearick was baptized July 16.
1686. Harry son of Mr. Thomas Heyrick minister was baptized November 18.

* Widow of Jonathan Swift the elder, and mother of the celebrated Dean of St. Patrick's. Her maiden name was Abigail Erick, or Herrick.

1689. Anne daughter of Mr. Thomas Heyrick minister was baptized October 2.
1692. Rebecka daughter of Mr. Thomas Herrick minister was baptized August 5th.

Burials,

1648. Ruth, the daughter of Thomas Herricke, March 9th.
1653. John Herricke, July 23th.
1661. The sonne of Thomas Herricke was buried ffebruary 1st.
1675. Thomas Herrick, buried October ye 23.
1681. James Hearick, was buried March ye 9th.
1682. Sarah Hearick was buried Octob^r^ 23.
1695. Tho: Heyrick, Aug: 15.

Extracts from the Registers of Galby.

1617. Thomas Thorpe and Jane Heiricke were married January xxxi.
1617. John Heiricke and Elizabeth Thorpe were married the same day.

Extract from the Register of Kilby.

1590. Nicholas Hericke was buried the viij^th^ day of September.

Extracts from the Registers of Wigston Magna.

1574. Annes Hericke was christened the xij day of November.
1577. Thomas Hericke sepult' fuit 3 die Augustij.
1578. Edward Ridgele & Mary Hericke were maried ye 27 day of November.
1584. June 20. William Hericke & Agnes Symon mar.
1588. June 24. Walter Smith & Agnes Herick mar.
1590. Dec. 11. William Hericke bur.
1591. May 2. Henry Hericke & Elizabeth Bagnoll mar.
1593. May 30. Henry Hericke bur.
1598. May 24. William Hericke bur.
1601. Aug: 16. Thomas, son of Wm Herick bapt.
1604. April 1. Anna, dau. of Wm Hericke bapt.
1609. April 9. Elizabeth, dau. of Wm Hericke bapt.
1609. Sept. 14. William Heyricke bur.
1609. Sep. 27. Agnes wife of Wm Hearick bur.
1609. Dec. 7. Wm Hericke Junr bur.
1609. Febr. 15. Elsabeth Hearicke bur.
1612. Febr. 1. Ge^o^ Justine & Margaret Hericke mar.
1621. Dec. 14. Katerine Hericke bur.
1627. Nov. 2. Tho: Herick & Barbara Cooke mar.
1628. Aug. 31. W^m^ son of Tho: Hericke bapt.
1630. May 16. Abigall dau. of Tho: Herick bapt.*
1632. July 8. Anne dau. of Tho: Hearick bapt.
1632. Febr. 7. Margery Hearick bur.

* This Abigall Herick was probably the wife of Jonathan Swift, and mother of the celebrated Dean of S. Patrick's.

1634. Dec. 7. Tho: son of Tho: & Barbery Herick bapt.
1637. June 4. Robert son of Tho: Herick bucher and Barbery, bapt.; and buried August 23rd.
1650. Feb. 25. Barbari Herrick widow, above 60, bur.
1652. Ann Herrick, an Ancient Maiden being above the Age of Threscore and ten was Buried May the 2.

Extracts from the Hall Books of the Corporation of Leicester (commence 1477).

3 Hen. VIII. Camar'. Thom's Heryk pro Coialtie. [*i.e.* Chamberlain for the Commonalty.]
26 Hen. VIII. *Admitted to the Merchants' Guild* (*Gilda Marcatorum*):
Niccolys Hereyk, primus filius patris eius, ... ij^{d} Jur.
John Hereyk, secundus filius, ... ij^{d} Jur.
6 Edw. VI. Nich'us Heyrek, Justice of the Peace and Mayor.
4 Eliz. Joh'es Eryke, Justice of the Peace and Alderman.
11 Eliz. Rob'tus Eryke, elected Chamberlain, and refused; fined v*li.*
14 Eliz. John Eyricke, Mayor and Justice of the Peace.
17 Eliz. John Eyricke and Robert Eyricke, were Aldermen.
24 Eliz. John Eyricke was a Commissioner for Subsidy.
1584. Mr. Robert Heyricke, Mayor. John Heyricke, Alderman.
Admitted to the Merchants' Guild:
26 Eliz. Thomas Heyricke, Lynnen Draper, apprentice of Wm Morton.
27 Eliz. John Heyricke, Ironmonger, son of John Heyricke, Ironmonger.
27 Eliz. John Heyricke was Alderman. Robert Heyricke, Justice of the Peace.
29 Eliz. Robert Heyrycke was Justice of the Peace, Alderman for Sayturdaye markytt and Cancke street, and Auditor without the East Gate. John Heyrycke was Alderman, and a Commissioner for the XVth and Subsidy.
Admitted to the Merchants' Guild, or Freemen:
29 Eliz. Robert Heyrycke glover, apprentice of Roger Vyckers.
32 Eliz. Tho. Eden, apprentice of John Eyrycke, Tayllor.
35 Eliz. 30 June. coram Joh'e Stanforde maior. Robertt Heyricke glover, who was the apprentice of Roger Vickars glover, & made a freman of Leicester Mr. Ludlam then maior, & now dwelling in the Countrye at Mountsorrel oute of the said Town, hath now contynued his ffredom by the yearly payment of ij*s.*
32 Eliz. Dec. 16. Money lent last year, and now repaid. *(int. al.)* Mr. Roberte Heyrycke, Lente xl*s.*—paide agen.
35 Eliz. 1593. Robt' Heyrycke, maior, and J. P.
36 Eliz. Robert Heyricke was Alderman. Thomas Heyrycke and John Heyrycke, were of the 48, *i.e.* Councillors. Thomas Heyrycke mercer was Constable from the South Gate to High Cross.

1598. Thomas Eyricke was Chamberlain for the Mayor.
40 Eliz: Robert Heyricke was Alderman.

Admitted to the Merchants' Guild, or Freemen:

36 Eliz: Tho: Baggalay, apprentice of John Heyricke, Irenmonger.
38 Eliz: John Eyricke glover, apprentice of Robertt Eyricke glover.
40 Eliz: Geo. Howett, apprentice of Mr. Robertt Heyricke Irenmonger.
41 Eliz: Thomas Eyricke tayllor, seconde son and apprentice of John Eyricke tayllor.
42 Eliz: Willm Heyricke late of London' goldsmythe now of Bewmaner in the Countie of Leic. Esquier and one of the sonnes of Mr. John Heyricke Irenmonger decessed made free, for the wc^{h} hee dothe give to the Towne in kyndnes, one doson of Sylver spoones, wth the sincke fyle upon' the knobbes thereof. Jur.

1601. Thomas Eyricke mercer and Joh'es Heyrycke, were Councillors.
1 Jac. I. Robt. Heyrycke, Armiger, a Commissioner for the Subsidy, 1605.
3 Jac. I. Robert Heyrick, Mayor.
4 Jac. I. Robert Heyrick, J. P.

Admitted Freemen:

1 Jac. I. John Lytherland, apprentice of Mr. Robt. Heyricke, Ironmonger.
1611. John Whatton, apprentice of Robert Heyrick, Ironmonger.
1611. John Thurman, apprentice of ditto.
1612. Robert Ericke ffellmunger, apprentice of John Ericke ffellmunger.

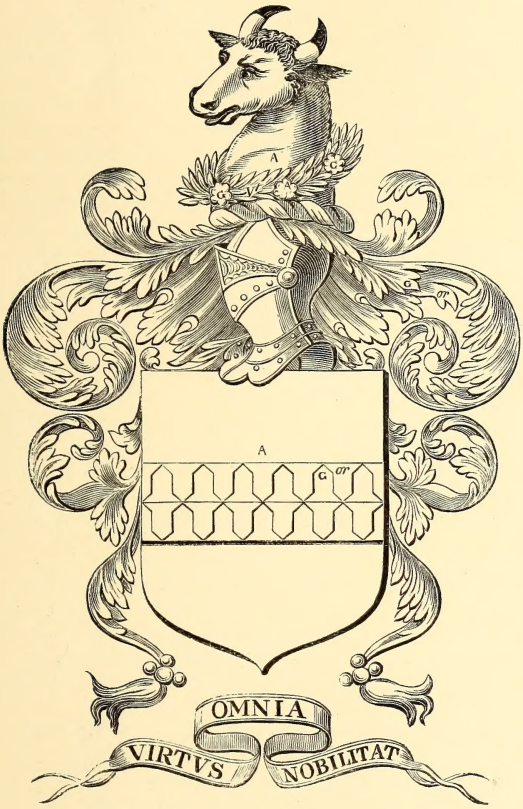
1618. John Heyricke was Mayor. Thomas Ericke was Alderman and J. P.

Admitted Freemen:

1621. Henrie Heyricke, Taylor, apprentice of Edw. Peabodie, Taylor.
1624. Robert Ericke, 3rd son of Mr. Thomas Ericke, mercer.
1630. Ed'rus Hericke, Baker, 3rd sonn of Mr. Thom' Hericke, Baker.
1633. Robert Noble, Ironmonger, apprentice of Mr. John Hericke, free 13 Nov., fine xs. Jur.

Confirmation of Crest to Robert Herick and William Herick, 8 May 1598.

To all Nobles and Gentles, to whome theis presentes shall come Will'm Dethick al's Garter Principall King of Armes and Will'm Camden al's Clarenceux King of Armes of the Southe East and West p'tes of this Realme of England from the Ryuer of Trent southwarde send theire due comendacons & greeting. Knowe yee That whereas Richard Lea, late Clarenceux in his life tyme did by lres Pattent vnder his hand & Seale



HERRICK.

of Office giue & graunt vnto Robert and Will'm Herick the sonnes of John Herick the sonne of Herick al's Erick of Houghton in the County of Lecester gent., A certeyn Creast or Badge, viz. on a wreath of their coulors a Bull head argent yssuing forth of a lawrell Garland, the mussell eares and hornes tipped sable, to be annexed and borne with their auncient Coat of Armes, which is Siluer a ffesse verrey or and gules. The which Pattent, for that upon the dissolving of the saide Clarenceux Lea's Office where it did remayne to be recorded, amongst dyvers other thinges is nowe lost and by no meanes search or inquiry to be founde. So that vpon the instant sute & request to vs made by the saide Rob't and Will'm Herick who haue produced theire Signett and stamps before vs, as also vpon the credible report and testemony of Will'm Segar al's Norroy King of Armes of the North, whoe being then Somersett Herald both wrytt the saide Pattent and passed the same for them with the saide Clarenceux. Wee the saide Garter & Clarenceux Kinges of Armes doe by theis present confirme and allow vnto the saide Rob't and Will'm Herick and their posteritye for euer the aforesaide Creast or Cognisans in like manner and forme as yt was formerly gyuen by the saide Clarenceux Lea and as it is here in the margent sett forth and with their Armes depicted. And the Same to vse beare and shewe forthe in Signett Sheilde Coat Armor or otherwise at their free liberte and pleasure w^t^out the lett or molestacon of any person or persons whatsoever. In witnes whereof wee the saide William Detheck al's Garter and Will'm Camden al's Clarenceux Kinge of Armes haue herevnto put o^r^ handes and seales of Office. Geven in the Office of Armes the v iij^th^ daye of Maij in the fortith yeare of the raigne of o^r^ Soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England ffrance and Ireland Defendor of the faith &c 1598.

WILL'M DETHICK Garter Principall King of Arms.

GULIELMUS CAMDEN Clarenceuex Rex Armor'.

On the Grant are four shields charged with these Coats:—

1. Argent, a fess vair or and gules. INSIGNIA PATRIS. (*Heyrick.*)
2. Argent, on a chevron sable between three hurts as many estoiles or, on a chief gules three cinquefoils of the field. INSIGNIA MATRIS. (*Bond.*)
3. Gules, a fess between eight billets or; Impaling, Argent, on a chevron sable three bulls' heads caboshed of the first. PATER ET MATER UXORIS. (*May*, Impaling *Hillersden.*)
4. Argent, a fess vair or and gules; Impaling, Gules, a fess between eight billets or. GULI. HERICK ET UXOR EJUS. (*Heyrick*, Impaling *May.*)

The Grantees of this Crest were Robert Heyrick of Leicester, Ironmonger, and William Heyrick (afterwards Sir William Heyrick, Knt., of Beaumanor), two of the sons of John Eyrick of Leicester by Mary his wife dau. of John Bond esq. of Ward End co. Warwick. The wife of Sir William Heyrick, Knt. was Joan, dau. of Richard May, esq. of Mayfield, citizen and merchant-tailor of London (he died 1588) by Mary Hillersdon of Devonshire.

Herrick Wills and Administrations.

In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

1494. Eryke, John. Citizen & skinner of London. (*Vox* 14, & see 4.)
1601. Hericke, Nicholas. Goldsmith. London.
1618. Heyrick, Robert. Alderman of Leicester. (*Meade* 73.)
1626. Heyricke, Elizabeth, widow. Leicester. (*Hele* 141.)
1641. Heyrick, Francis. London. (*Evelyn* 99.)
1652. Herricke, Anne, spinster. Wigston Magna. (*Bowyer* 121.)
1656. Heyricke, John. Leicester. (*Berkeley* 168.)
1658. Heyrick, Henry. Leicester. *Adm.*

The above and other Herrick Wills from 1493 to 1665 proved in P.C.C. are abstracted in Dr. Howard's *Misc. Gen. et Her.*, Second Series I. 64-66, 98.

In the Library of Lambeth Palace.

1385. Stretton (or Erick) Robert, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. (*Courtenay* 211*a*.)

In the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester.

1517. Hericke, Thomas. Leicester. (*Reg. Book*, 1515-1526, fo. 82.)
1526. Heryke, Richard. Houghton. (*ib.* fo. 488.)
1532. Hericke (or Erycke), William. Wyggeston. (*ib.* fo. 214; and *Reg. Book*, 1526-1533, fo. 57.)
1534. Hericke, Richard. Wigston.
1543. Herrick, John. Houghton.
1579. Ericke, Gyles. Hothorpe.
1589. Erick, John, sen. Leicester. 55.
1592. Ericke, Richard. Houghton. 77.
1608. Eyricke, John. Houghton. 104.
1609. Eyricke, William. Wiggeston. 10.
1609. Eyricke, Agnes. Wiggeston. 71.
1612. Ericke, Mary. Leicester. 25.
1612. Ericke, Mary, sen. Leicester. 26.
1612. Eyricke, John. Frisby juxta Galby. 10 *Adm.*
1618. Hericke, Robert. Leicester. 167.
1624. Heiricke, John. Queniborowe. 21.
1624. Hericke, Thomas. Belgrave. 40.
1625. Ericke, Thomas. Leicester. 13.
1627. Heyricke, Tobias. Houghton. 52.
1628-9. Herrick, Robert. Leicester. (*Reg. Book*, 265.)
1631. Heyricke, Thomas. Leicester. 51 *Adm.*
1633. Herrick, John. Leicester. 137.
1666. Ericke, Robert. Leicester. 4. *Inv.* 6.
1672. Heyricke, William, arm. Beau Manor. 106.
1682. Heyricke, Thomas. Woodhouse Eves. 81.
1682. Heyrick, John, gen. Leicester. 101.
1683. Heyrick, Elizabeth. Beaumanor. 60 *Adm.*

1683. Heyricke, John. Slawston. 56 *Adm.* 173 *Inv.*
1694. Heyrick, Thomas. Harborough. 56.
1696. Heyrick, William. Leicester. 105.
1705. Heyrick, William. Beaumanor. 102.
1709. Heyrick, Isabella. Harborough. 56.
1727. Heyrick, John, cler. Skeffington.
1736. Herrick, Mary. Leicester.
1736. Herricke, Thomas. Mountsorrel.
1748. Herrick, Mary, spinster. Mountsorrel.
1749. Herrick, John. Mountsorrel.
1757. Herrick, Thomas. Stoke Golding.
1760. Herrick, Ann. Quorndon.
1761. Herrick, John. Beaumont Leys.
1763. Herrick, Elizabeth. Beaumont Leys.
1763. Herrick, Thomas. Mountsorrel.
1767. Herrick, Thomas, gen. Leicester.
1774. Herrick, Joseph. Desford.
1774. Heyrick, Catherine. Leicester.
1790. Heyrick, Elizabeth. Leicester.
1805. Herrick, William. Stoney Stanton.

In the Prebendal Court of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

1728. Herrick, Robert. Leicester.
1831. Heyrick, John, jun. Leicester.

ABSTRACT OF HERRICK WILLS.

Will of John Eryke, citizen & skynner of London, 1494.

Dated 30 . . . . 1494. To be buried in St. Mildred's Poultry, or in Barking Mon. To building an almshouse in the churchyard of St. Wystan, in Wigston, 100s. or 10 marks. To my brother Wm. Eryke of Wygston £6 13s. 4d., & to each of his children £3 6s. 8d. To Alys Colins, my sister's dau. of Coventre. My wife Elizabeth. My brother Robert Eryke & my cousin Tho. Robyns to be executors.

Proved P. C. C. 8 Oct. 1494 by John Cacelton. [*Vox* 14.]

Will of Thomas Eyreke, of Leicester, 1517.

Dated 25 August 1517. To be buried in St. Martin's Church, Leicester. The iij orders of friars in Leicester to bring my body to the grave, and each to have xx*d.* The warden of the Grey Friars to say five masses, and to have xx*d.* A trental of masses to be said for my soul within the church of St. Martin. To Nycolas my son the house that I dwell in, and £3 6s. 8d., and my best book covered with chamlet. To John my son £3 6s. 8d. To Elysabet my daughter £3 6s. 8d. To my wife all my lands, except said house, for her life; remainder to my son Nycolas in tail; remainder to my son John Eyreke in tail; remainder to my daughter Elysabet in tail; remainder to my wife, on condition that she put in surety to the gild of Corpus Christi, to have yearly a

dirige, with mass of requiem, for my soul, my wife's, my father & mother, my friends', and all Christian souls; viij*s.* iiij*d.* to be spent yearly at the same dirige. My wife to be executrix; & my father in law supervisor.

Proved at Leicester. [*Register Book*, 1515 to 1526, fo. 82.]

Will of Richard Heryke, of Houghton, 1526.

Dated 25 August 1526. To be buried in the churchyard of Houghton. To Robert Heryke my son, xij*li.* Residue to Agnes my wife & John my son, whom I appoint executors.

Proved at Leicester. [*Register Book*, 1515 to 1526, fo. 488.]

Will of Wyll'm Herycke (or Erycke), of Wyggeston, 1532.

Dated 8 March 1532. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Wystone in Wyggeston. To an honest priest for a trentall of masses, x*s.* To my brother Thomas Erycke, my wolstede dublet & 2 payr of hose. To each of my iiij children, xx*s.* Residue to Margay Ericke my wyffe; she & my brothor Robert Eyrycke to be executors. My deceased sister Agnes Colson. Witness: Sr. John Ramshawe, vicar of Wyggeston, Wm. Clerke, Rob. Eryck, &c.

Proved at Leicester. [*Register Book*, 1515 to 1526, fo. 214; 1526 to 1533, fo. 57*b*.]

Will of Jhon Hayreke, of Hoghtton, 1543.

Dated 5 October 1542. To be buried within the church of Hoghton. "I bequethe tores a pyxe or xlothe for the blessed Sacarmentt w^in the chyche of Hoghton, xij*d.*" To the s^d church, vj*s.* viij*d.* To Rycherd my son £13 6s. 8d. To Allys my daughter x*li.* To Jhon my daughter ix*li.* To the parson of Hoghtton, iij*s.* iiij*d.* To a priest for xxx masses within the church of Hoghtton, x*s.* The residue to Jhone my wife & Jhon my son, whom I make my executors. Sr Wm. Reed, veker of Craptopht, Rd. Reed of Chorbe, & Thomas Reed, to be supervisors. Witness: Rauffe Edmu'su', parson of Hoghtton, &c.

Will proved at Leicester, 1543.

"*The Invetra* of all the gods of Jhon Hereke, of Hoghtton, movabull & unmovabull, presyd by Jhon verlynton & Jhon omynton of the same tone the yer of our lord god a 1543 & the second day of November.

In the halle. It. v potts, iij panes, xij dyshes, & x plattes, and iiij sasterp, ij Salt selers ..... xx*s.*

It. ij Spetts, a pere of blerds, a pere of tongges, a land yerden, iiij pere of hookes, a brewe yerden, and per of pott hokes..... vj*s.*

It'm a tabbull ij formes a hambre a bord a chere iij stolles, w^t iiij 'peffermes a pendyd cloth ..... vj*s.*

In the Seller. It'm ij matteres a per of shetes iij coverlyttes ij blankettes ij bolsters ij pyllowes ij pyllowbe'es

iij bord clothes, ij towylles v cownfres ij bydsteddes iij kendelsteks ..... xx*s.*

Ketyn or bruhosse. It. iij lombys iij pelles herthcames iij folkes a wendow cloth iij formes ij stowelles w^{t} a hopper ..... xj*s.* [?]

In the barne & the Kylne. It. a yerclothe a quarter of hold wett and iij q'trs hold maltt and iij q'trs hold pese ..xxxviij*s.*

It'm vj q'trs new wett ..... xlviij*s.*

It. xxviij q'trs berly .....iiij*li.* xij*s.* iiij*d.*

It. in benes & pese the holle croppe..... xl*s.*

It'm x horses & marres and coltts.....iij*li.* vi*s.* viij*d.*

It. ij cartts & cart geres vj harrowes ij plowes w^{t} plou harnes ..... xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

It. xix kyne & bollockes.....viij*li.*

It'm v scorre shepe..... v*li.*

It'm viij ston' wole..... xxix*s.* viij*d.*

In hys rment.

It. iiij shertes ij doubellyttes ij Jhakyttes iij cootes, iij per of hosse, ij pere of shoue, & a cloke, ij cappys & there in xl*s.* ..... iij*li.*

Sm'a xxxvj*li.* xviij*s.*

It. att his bereall' and the vij day..... xl*s.*

And soo Remenyth xxxiiij*li.* xviij*s.*"

Will of John Eyrick, of Leicester, Irnemu'gar, ye Eldar, 1589.

Dated 11 March 1588. To be buried in S. Martin's church in Leicester, in the north side of the library, near Mr. Manby and Mr. Hallam. One half of my goods to Mary my wife, the other half to my two children Thomas and Mary Eyrik; also my two tenements in Parchment lane. My house that I have dwelt in since my marriage, which I bought of my brother Nicolas Eyrick, and garden in So' Lane, to my wife Mary for life, then to my son Robert Eyrick in tail male. To my son Tho. Eyrick, a Bible &c. Bequests of rings and spoons to my sons John Eyrick, Nyccolis Eyrick of London, Will'm Eyrick of London; my daus. Haws of London, Holden of London, Elizabeth Stanford, Cristian Broock, Alice Hynd, Mary Erick; my godson John Stanford son of Thomas; and Wm. Davy son of Robert Davy and my dau. Annys Eyrick. My wife Mary, & my sons Robert, Thomas & John to be executors.

Proved at Leicester 7 Sept. 1589, by Mary Eyrick, and Thomas and John Eyrick, power reserved to Robert. [No. 55.]

Will of Richerde Ericke, of Houghton, husbandman, 1592.

Dated 1 June 1592. All my lands to my son John Ericke in tail; in default of issue to my brother John Ericke the younger in tail. My sister Margaret Ericke. My cosens Jane Ericke & Joane her sister.

My brother John Ericke the younger to be executor. My brother John Ericke and John Tielington to be supervisors.

Proved at Leicester 16 Sept. 1592, by John Ericke the younger. [No. 77.]

Will of Nicholas Hericke, of London, goldsmith, 1601.

Dated 1592. To my wife Julian, one third; and two thirds amongst my six children. My sons Thomas and Nicholas to be executors. My brothers Robert and William Overseers. Witness: Wm. Herricke, Helen Holden.

Proved P. C. C. 26 November 1601.

[Nicholas Hericke had issue, by Julian Stone his wife:—William, Mercie, Thomas, Nicholas, Anne, Robert (the Poet), & William.]

Will of Will'm Heiricke, of Wiggeston Magna, 1609.

Dated 12 Sept. 1609. Towards a free Schole 3s. 4d. Legacies to William Coleman; my uncle Robert Wildie; the children of Wm. Boulter, and Tho. Pollard of Syston; Sara Boulter, and her children. To my wife Agnes my house and lands for life; then to the children of my sister Mary & my sister Anne. To my kinswoman Amye Reglye 20s. My wife Annes, Wm. Boulter, Hughe Heys, & Walter Smith, to be executors.

Proved at Leicester, 14 Sept. 1609. [No. 10.]

Will Nuncupative of Agnes Eyricke, of Wiggeston, 1609.

Dated 24 Sept. 1609. Legacies to Tho. Boulter, & to his son Tho.; Wm. son of my cosen Wm. Boulter; Amye dau. of Wm. Boulter; my sister Joane Boulter, & Tho. her son. Residue to my cosen Wm. Boulter & Thomas Boulter his brother, & Thomas Pollard. Wm. & Tho. Boulter to be executors.

Proved at Leicester 29 Sept. 1609. [No. 71.]

Will of Mary Ericke, of Lester, the dought'r of Jhon Ericke, Iornemonger, 1612.

No date. To be buried in St. Martin's church, near my mother. The lands which my father gave between my brother Thomas Eyricke and me, I give to my said brother; and appoint him executor.

Proved at Leicester 4 August 1612. [No. 25.]

Will of Mary Eyrick, of Leycester, the elder, Iornemonger, 1612.

Dated 5 Febr. 1611. To be buried in St. Martin's Church, in the north side of the library, near my husband. My goods to my son Tho. and dau. Mary Erick. To Sir William my youngist sonne, a ston pote civered with silver; and to his wife my lady Eyrick one payer of blankites of linsy wolsy of my one makinge. To my doughter Master

Robart Ericke's wyfe my best goowne. My son Tho. Eyrick to be executor,

Will proved at Leicester 4 Aug. 1612. [No. 26.]

WILL OF ROBART HEYRICKE, ALDERMAN OF LEICESTER, 1618.

Dated 26 March 1617. A long will. See an Abstract in "*Misc. Gen. et Her.*" 2nd. Series, I. 65; and Nichols' *Leic.* II. 617. Proved P. C. C. 30 July 1618, by his widow Elizabeth Heyricke & dau. Eliz. Orpwood [*Meade* 73]; and at Leicester, 1618. [No. 167.]

WILL OF JOHN HEIRICKE, OF QUENIBOROOE, YEOMAN, 1624.

Dated 27 August 1624. To Ann Heiricke my dau. & heir, all my lands in tail; also £140 at 18. Jane Thorpe, my mother. My wife Elizabeth to be executrix. Signed "John Eiricke."

Proved at Leicester 25 Sept. 1624. [No. 21.]

WILL OF THOMAS HERICKE, OF BELGRAVE, WEAVER, 1624.

Dated 16 Oct. 1624. My dau. Anne, wife of Henrie Corpson. My sons Henrie, Godfrey, & George. My wife Elizabeth. My two grandchildren. My son Godfrey to be executor. Witness: Rob: Hericke, &c.

Will proved at Leicester 5 Jan. 1624. [No. 40.]

WILL OF THOMAS EYRICKE, OF LEICESTER, IRNEMONGER, 1625.

Dated 1623. To my brother Sir William's son & heir Mr. Will'm Eyricke in tail male, all the lands I bought, & the land which my father gave me, viz. the house wherein he dwelt, or the house wherein my brother Mr. Robert Eyrecke dwelt, & the two houses in Parchment lane. My goods to my brother Mr. John Eyricke; save £10 to my cousin Thomas, son of my brother Mr. Nicholas Eyricke. Rings to my Ladie Eyricke, & my brother Mr. Robert's wife. My brother Mr. John Eyricke to be executor.

Proved at Leicester 28 June 1625. [No. 13.]

WILL OF ELIZABETH HEYRICKE, OF LEICESTER, WIDOW, 1626.

Dated 3 Febr. 1623. To be buried in the Library of St. Martin's Church near my husband. The pictures of my husband and Sir Wm. Heyricke to my dau. Orpwood for life, and after to the Town of Leicester. A long Will. See an abstract in "*Misc. Gen. et Her.*" 2nd Series, I. 66. Proved P.C.C. 9 Oct. 1626, by her dau. Elizabeth Orpwood. [*Hele* 141.]

WILL OF TOBIAS HEYRICK, OF HOUGHTON, CLARKE, 1627.

Dated 13 June 1627. To be buried at Houghton or Leicester. To my wife Elizabeth Heyricke, house in Leicester. To my dau. Mary £500. To my son William, land at Leicester which came from my father, & my lands at Houghton; also plate, & 2 seal rings which my father bequeathed me. To my son John £400. at 21. Rings or small

bequests to my father & mother Yard; my sons Francis & Tobyas; my brothers Hill & Rogers; my sisters Hill, Orpwood, Noble, Collier, & Brewen: my cozens Norrington, Davie, & Mary Pougill; & to Elizabeth Knight. To the poore of Houghton 20s. a year. To Lincoln College Oxford 20s. a year, for four poor scholars. To the schoolmaster at Leicester, to whom my father gave a marke a year, one noble a year, that he may have 5s. a quarter. To the old Hospitall at Leicester 2s. a year; & to the New Hospital 4s. 4d. To some learned discreet Minister to preach my funeral sermon, 10s. My uncle Brooke at Leicester to enjoy his house for life at old rent. My wife & son Wm. to be executors. Yard, my cosen Davie, & Thos. Baker to be overseers.

Proved at Leicester 25 August 1627. [No. 52.]

Will of Robert Hericke, of Leicester, Fellmonger, 1629.

Dated 22 May 1627. To be buried in St. Mary's, Leicester. To my eldest son Wm., my house at the West Bridge, after the death of my wife Hellen. To my son Henry, & dau. Anna, each £10. To John & Tho. Tompson, my wife's sons. My wife Hellen to be executrix.

Proved at Leicester 11 July 1629. [*Reg. Book*, 1628-30, fo. 265.]

Will of Mr. John Herick, Alderman of Leicester, 1633.

Dated 17 July 1633. To be buried in Renoulds Chappell in St. Martin's. My two houses in Southgate to the Master, Chaplain, & poore of the old Hospital in the Newark. The piece of ground which I bought of old Mr. Rudyard to the Mayor & six poor widows of St. Joane's. My house in Parchment lane, to my kinswoman Elizabeth Elliot for life, then to her son John my godson in fee. To the Leicester poor, 20 nobles. To the poor in the New Hospital 12d. apiece. To the prisoners in the County gaol 10s., & in the Town gaol 3s. 4d. To the poor of the Spittle house 5s. To my brother Geo. Brooke; my coosen Mr. Tho. Chettle; my kinsman & apprentice Robert Noble; my poor kinsman Robert Hynde. Residue to my dau. Susanna Nurse, whom I appoint executrix. My cosens Mr. John Whatton esq. & Mr. George Rogers of Blahby, & Mr. Tho. Gilbert, overseers. Signed "John Heyricke."

Proved at Leicester 11 Oct. 1633. [No. 139.]

Will of Francis Heyrick, of London, 1641.

Dated 18 Sept 1640. All my estate to my brother Tobias. My brothers Henry & John. Adm'on granted P. C. C. 9 July 1641 to Tobias Heyrick. [*Evelyn*, 99.]

Will of Anne Herricke, of Wigston Magna, 1652.

Dated 1 March 1651. To be buried in All Saints churchyard, Wigston. To Martha, Eliz., Philip, & Mary, the 4 daus. of my brother Robert Herricke, 40s. each. To my goddau. Anne Herricke 10s. To Abigail Herricke 5s. Thomas Herricke. Mr. Robert ffryer to be executors.

Proved P.C.C. 28 May 1652. [*Bowyer*, 121.]

Will of John Heyricke [of Lincolns Inn], 1656.

Dated 4 Aug 1655. To be buried in St. Martin's, Leicester. To John Heyricke, son of my cousin [*i.e.* nephew] William Heyricke, my rent-charge of £45 out of the manor of Beaumannour; also £50 to be employed for his benefit, as his grandfathers Wm. Bainbrigg of Lockington esq. & Wm. Heyricke esq. (my brother) shall think fit. £100 to my brother Wm., & he to be executor. To my brother Richard Heyricke £100. To Martha dau. of my sister Dorothy Lancasheire £100. My brother Pight, & his wife my sister. To my brother Henry John Heyricke £50. To Elizabeth, wife of my said brother Wm. £10. The residue to said John, son of my said cousin Wm. Heyricke.

Proved P.C.C. 17 May 1656. [*Berkeley*, 168.]

Adm'on to Henry Heyrick, of Leicester, 1658.

Granted by P.C.C. 7 May 1658, to Francis Heyrick esq., guardian of Susan, Jonathan, Mary, & David, children of the deceased.

Adm'on to Thomas Heyrick, of Harborow, clerk, 1694.

Granted by the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester, 19 October 1694, to Rebecka Heyrick, his widow and relict. [*Obl. Adm.* No. 56.]

Will of Isabell Heyrick, of Markett Harborow, widow, 1709.

Dated 12 Aug, 1707. To my son Samuell Heyrick £10. To my granddau. Rachell Orme of Harborow £40., & to my grandsons James & Tho. Orme £30. each. To my grandchildren Henry & Anne Heyrick, children of my son Tho. Heyrick clerk deceased 1s. each. To the daus. of my son John Heyrick deceased. To my grandchildren Tho. Russell & Mary Heather. The residue to my dau. Sarah Orme, whom I make executrix.

Proved at Leicester 15 March 1709. [No. 110.]

Wills of Kindred Families.

1609. Orpwood, Robert, citizen & goldsmith of London; proved P.C.C. 7 Sept. 1609. [*Dorsett* 84.]

1590. Manbie, Joane, widow of William Manbie, of Leicester, grocer; proved at Leicester 6 Dec. 1592. [No. 168.]

1626. Sacheverill, Thomas, of Leicester, clerk; proved at Leicester 2 May 1627. [*Reg. Book*, 1626-7, fo. 33.]

1631. Colliar, Dorcas, of St. Martin's, Leicester; proved at Leicester 23 Nov. 1631. [*Reg. Book*, 1628-30-1, fo. 256.]

1625. Noble, Thomas, of Rearsbye, gent.; proved at Leicester 20 Aug. 1625. [No. 30.]

Inquisitions Post Mortem, Court of Wards and Liveries.

1 Car. I.	Heiricke, John.	Bundle 43.	No. 183.
3 Car. I.	Herricke, Tobias.	Bundle 68.	No. 34.

Pedigrees of the family of Herrick may be found in Nichols' Leicestershire, II. 615, III. 148 (*s.v.* Houghton, Beaumanor, &c.); Hill's Market Harborough, 123; Harl. Society, Vis. London, 1633-4; "Misc. Gen. et Her.," 2nd Series, I. 63 (Pedigree from Vis. Leicester, 1683); and Burke's "Commoners" and "Landed Gentry." Papers on this family are given in the "Transactions" of the Leicester Arch. Society, II. 2, 43, V. 108, VI. 20. The information given in this Paper will, it is believed, be of considerable use to any who may be interested in the early history of the old Leicestershire family of Herrick.

BISHOP MOORE, "THE FATHER OF BLACK-LETTER COLLECTORS."*

By the Rev. Cecil Moore, M.A.

The life of "good Bishop Moore"† has never, we believe, been otherwise than cursorily dealt with, and not unfrequently the only allusion to the great book-collector is the repetition of a charge of dishonesty, having its whole basis in a piece of the merest gossip, which is unworthy of serious refutation. It is well that some attempt should be made to show in its truer and more instructive light the character of a man of profound learning, remarkable talents, and benevolent disposition.

Dr. Moore was born in 1646 in the little hamlet of Sutton-in-the-Elms, in the parish of Broughton Astley, Leicestershire. His father, Thomas Moore,‡ described on his altar-tomb in St. Mary-in-Arden as "Gent.," is an instance of the manner in which cadets of old county families were in the habit at this period of taking up a trade. The father of the future Bishop, though descended from the old family of De la Moor, or Moore de Moorhayes in the parish of Collumpton in the County of Devon, was an ironmonger, his father being the Rev. John Moore of University College, Oxford, and Rector of Knaptoft in Leicestershire,§ himself the grandson of the first Sir John Moore of Moorhays, who was dubbed a Knight at Westminster, November

* The Right Reverend John Moore, D.D., Lord Bishop of Ely, translated from Norwich. Born 1646; died 1714.

† *Blackwood's Magazine*, vol. xxviii., page 465: Review of Dr. Monk's *Life of Bentley*.

‡ Died 1686. In an Almanac for that year in Cambridge University Library is Moore's MS. note opposite June: "Sum Total of my Father's inventory is £1518 17s. 7d." Will proved P.C.C., 30 June, 1686. (80, *Lloyd*.)

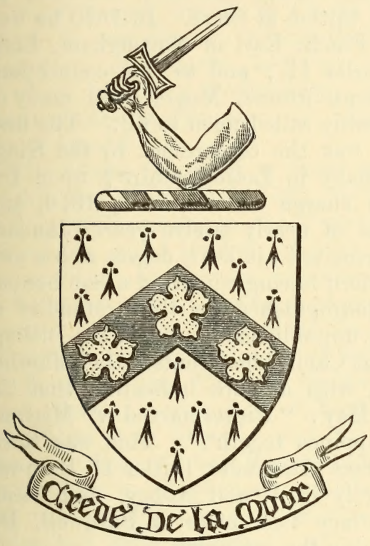
§ He was the author of the following discourses:—*A Scripture Word against Inclosure*, | *viz.*, | *such as doe Un-People Townes*, | *and Un-corne Fields:* | *as also*, | *against all such, that daub over this* | *black sinne, with untempered morter.* | By John Moore, Minister of the Church at Knaptoft | in Leicester-Shire. | London: | Printed for Anthony Williamson, at | the Queen's Armes | in St. Paul's Church-yard 1656. | The Epistle Dedicatory is to his Highnesse the Lord Protector, and is signed—AMEN SAITH THE SOUL OF HIM WHO IS as your Highnesse most humble servant, so also the Churches, the Publiques, and the Poors, John Moore.

The | Crying Sin | of | England | *of not caring for the Poor*; | Being the chief

hn Moore S.T.P. *Consecrated B.p of Norwich July y.e 5.th 1691. and Translated to Bishoprick of Ely July y.e 31.st 1707. He died July y.e 31.st 1714. and was buried that Cathedral. His Curious Library was purchased by his Late Majesty K. George 1.st for 6000 G.s and given to the University of Cambridge.*

10th, 3rd of Edward VI. (1549), and Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Pomeroy of Berry Pomeroy, and Jane, eldest daughter of Sir Piers Edgecombe.

The arms of this family, which, says Blomefield (*Hist. of Norfolk*, iii. 589), the Bishop always bore, are thus described in the *Visitation of Devon*, 1620,—*Arms*—Ermine, on a chevron azure three cinquefoils or. *Crest*—An arm embowed proper holding in the hand a sword proper hilted or;—and signed "John Moore." Risdon speaks of Moorhays as "the chief seat of the family of Moore, which grew to some advancement by John Moore, learned in the laws in King Henry the VI. time, and also by the marriage of the Clivedon and Bonville heires."



Polwhele (folio 254, quoting De la Pole, folio 186) writes: "Moorehayes lyeth in the Parish of Collumpton, the dwelling of an ancient famylye of this place, whose descent (for yet I am acquainted with all) I will set down." The descent begins *circa* 1120. The name is spelt indifferently More, Moor, Atte More, and Moore; the Bishop using the last, it is here uniformly followed.

FACSIMILE OF BISHOP MOORE'S SEAL.†

The old oak screen in S. Mary's Church, Cullompton, which divides the Moore Chantry from the chancel, exhibits these arms impaled with those of Gambon, Botour of Exeter, Clivedon, Stawell, Walrond, Trowbridge, and other old families.*

The Bishop was thus well descended on his father's side, while his mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Wright, of Sutton-in-the-

Heads of two Sermons | Preached at the lecture at Lutterworth | in Leicestershire in May last, and | now published in love to Christ, | his country, and the Poor, | By John Moore, | Minister of Knaptoft in Leicestershire. | London: Printed by T. M. for | Antony Williamson at the Queen's Arms in Paul's Church-yard, 1653. | Both of these Sermons are in the British Museum [4478 aaa, 68 e 713-7].

* cf. *Misc. Gen. et Her.*, N. S., iv. 413-416. *Genealogical Memoranda of the Family of De la Moor*, by Rev. Cecil Moore, 1884.

† In 1819 this seal passed from Mary Wilberforce Bird, daughter of James Bird and Mary his wife (*née* Moore), to George Moore (her nephew), and is now in the possession of his son Reginald Clare Moore.

Elms, an old Leicestershire family.* Born in 1646, the eldest of a family consisting of seven sons and three daughters, young Moore received the first rudiments of his learning in the Free School in the town of Market Harborough.† On leaving school he was admitted of Clare Hall, Cambridge,‡ on June 28th, 1662, taking his Bachelor's degree in 1665-6, his Master's in 1669. Elected a fellow of Clare Hall, Moore probably remained at Cambridge, taking part in the tuition at Clare. In 1670 he was appointed chaplain to Heneage Finch, Earl of Nottingham, Lord Chancellor in the time of Charles II.; and to this connection, together with his own well-known fitness, Moore owed many of the high offices he was subsequently called upon to fill. The first fruit of this Court connection was the conferment by the King, *pleno jure*, of the Rectory of Blaby in Leicestershire § upon Dr. Moore, who entered upon this charge October 23rd, 1676, and relinquished it, after a pastorate of nearly twelve years, January 7th, 1687-8. In 1681 Moore received his D.D. degree at his own university, the University of Oxford having conferred a like honour in 1675 upon a man already distinguished for the profundity of his learning. In May 1679 the unpublished diaries of the Bishop, now in the University Library at Cambridge, contain the following entry in Moore's neat writing, with a mark indicating that the reference is to the 22nd day of May: "I intermaryed wth Mistress R. B. God grant us long happines togeth^{r}." This was Rose, fifth daughter of Neville Thomas Alexander Butler of Barnwell Priory, Cambridge, and formerly of Orwell Abbey, and Cicely Aglionby his wife. The marriage took place at Barnwell, Dr. Blith, Master of Clare, performing the ceremony.

On June 8th, 1679, Moore was collated to the first stall in the Cathedral Church of Ely, and on December 13th, 1687, on the death of William Sill, was presented by the Dean and Chapter of Saint Paul's to the Rectory of Saint Austin in London, which he held till October 26th, 1689, when he was presented by King William and Queen Mary to the Rectory of Saint Andrew's, Holborn, vacant by the promotion of Dr. Stillingfleet to the See of Worcester, which thus left the appointment *pro hac vice* to the Crown. Dr. Moore was now Chaplain-in-Ordinary to their Majesties, and was recommended by Lord Chancellor Finch for this important post at Saint Andrew's. He was also sometime minister of Saint Anne's, Soho, built in, and taken from, the parish of Saint Giles-in-the-Fields, described by Blomefield as "near London."

* Harleian Society, *Visitation of Leicester*, 1619. In 1630 the Freeholders of Sutton were Edward Wright, gent., and E. Reade.

† Rev. J. H. Hill's *Hist of Market Harborough, p.* 19.

‡ Blomefield wrongly says *Catharine Hall.*

§ Nichols' *Guthlaxton Hundred*, p. 53. Moore's name does not appear in the Blaby Parish Registers.

On August 18th, 1689, Moore's wife died, and was buried in the chancel of Saint Giles's-in-the-Fields, so the prayer of the old diary had only a partial fulfilment, they had not "*long* happines," but we trust *much* happiness together.

By this marriage Moore had three sons—John,* Thomas,† and Edward;‡ and three daughters—Rose, married to Thomas Tanner, author of the *Notitia Monastica*, and afterwards Bishop of Saint Asaph, buried in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, of which he was *Canon;* Elizabeth, married to Robert Cannon, who died Dean of Lincoln, and was buried in Westminster Abbey, of which he was a *Prebendary;* and Mary, who died (1777) in the cloisters at Windsor, of which she was,—a *spinster* aged ninety-four!§

Dr. Moore remained at Saint Andrew's, Holborn, until 1691. In this year, April 23rd, 1691, the King in council nominated him Bishop of Norwich, on the deprivation of Bishop Lloyd for not taking the oaths to their Majesties. He was elected May 21st, by the Dean and Chapter, when he voided his Prebend and Rectory of Saint Andrew's. Being confirmed July 2nd, 1691, he was consecrated Bishop of Norwich in the Church of Saint Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on July 5th, together with Richard Cumberland, Bishop of Peterborough, Edward Fowler, Bishop of Gloucester, and John Sharpe, Archbishop of York.‖ Of these appointments Dr. Stoughton says Sharpe owed his promotion to Tillotson, and Moore to Burnet; but Burnet himself declares that "there was no ambition or Court favour visible in these appointments," that the new archbishops and bishops were "men of moderate principles and calm tempers" (*Own Time*, ii. 76). The Bishop enjoyed Burnet's confidence, and greatly assisted him in his books; and Burnet mentions, together with Tenison, Sharpe, Sherlock, and others, "the two Moores" as men who were "an honour to their Church and age." The second Moore alluded to was Dr. Henry Moore, Fellow of Christ's College, who was eminent for his piety and learning. Dr. Outram said that he looked upon this Moore as the holiest person upon the face of the earth. He refused several offers of preferment, including a bishoprick, and died universally beloved, and held in honour both in his own and in foreign countries.

Another historian of these times adds that the appointments above mentioned were such as to reflect the highest honour on the King's discrimination; they were well calculated to promote the best interests of religion, and could not fail, as has been admitted

* Chief Registrar of the Diocese of Norwich, who married a daughter of Robert Pepper, LL.D., Chancellor of Norwich.

† Land Surveyor of H.M. Customs.

‡ Died young, and was buried at Barnwell, near Cambridge.

§ Cf. *Annual Register*, vol. xx., January 14, 1777.

‖ Stubbs' *Registrum Sacrum*, p. 107.

by one of the most prejudiced of party writers,* to afford general satisfaction throughout the country.†

At Norwich Moore remained Bishop for sixteen years, his library assuming daily huger proportions for these times. A list of his MSS. and of his most curious printed books is included (as will be further mentioned below) in *Bernard's Catalogue*, printed at Oxford 1696-97. John Evelyn, in his *Diary*, (p. 353) under the date London, May 7th, 1699, writes, "I saw the library of Dr. John Moore, Bishop of Norwich, one of the best and most ample collections of good books in England, and he one of the most learned men." It is at this period that Dibdin introduces Bishop Moore in his *Bibliomania*. "Having at length reached the threshold," he says, "let us knock at the door of the eighteenth century. What gracious figures are those which approach to salute us? They are the forms of Bishops Fell and Moore, prelates distinguished for their never-ceasing admiration of valuable and curious works. The former is better known as an editor; the latter as a collector—and a collector, too, of such multifarious knowledge, of such vivid and just perceptions, and unabating activity, that while he may be hailed as the *Father of* **Black Letter** *Collectors* in this country, he reminds us of his present successor in the same see,‡ who is not less enamoured of rare and magnificent volumes, but of a different description, and whose library assumes a grander cast of character. Bishop Moore has a stronger claim on our attention and gratitude than Bishop Fell. Never has there existed an episcopal bibliomaniac of such extraordinary talent and fame in the walk of Old English literature. How soon and how ardently the passion for collecting possessed him cannot now be ascertained. But that Moore was in the zenith of his bibliomanical reputation while he filled the See of Norwich is unquestionable, for thus writes Strype: 'The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the possessor of a great and curious collection of MSS. and other ancient printed pieces (little inferior to MSS. in regard of their scarceness), hath also been very considerably assistant to me as well in this present work as in others,'§ etc."‖

The diaries already alluded to contain chiefly notes of the value and price of books in Dr. Moore's handwriting, also medical prescriptions,—for Moore was well known for his knowledge of

* *Smollett*, vol. i., p. 123. "The other vacant sees were given to divines of unblemished character, and the public in general seemed very well satisfied with this exertion of the king's supremacy."

† *Life and Times of William III.*, by Hon. Arthur Trevor, 1836, p. 148.

‡ Thomas Dampier was Bishop of Ely in 1811, when Dibdin wrote his *Bibliomania*. Dr. Dampier was translated from Rochester in 1808, ninety-four years after Bishop Moore's death.

§ Preface (sign. a 2) to *Life of Aylmer*, 1701, 8vo.

‖ *Bibliomania*. New Edition (1876), pp. 317-19.

medicine, being according to Hackett* in a note on the epitaph in Ely Cathedral a Doctor of Medicine.

In addition to medical prescriptions there are some roughly kept accounts chiefly dated 1681-7, and a curious inventory of household goods, and payments to servants: *e.g.*, "*Knife maid and plate m^h^.* 2 .0," "*Coachmen & Postil.* 4.0," and other unintentional records of the cost of keeping up appearances and feeing servants in the latter end of the seventeenth century. The names also of men deserving promotion are entered in these quaint old almanacks, and some are names of men who became afterwards celebrated, but owed their first opening to a patron who, as Bishop Benjamin Hoadly (of Winchester) declares, was the greatest patron of learning and of learned men that this age has produced. Bishop Monk also testifies to his liberal patronage of learned men, for when Bentley transmitted to Grævius a dissertation by Albert Rubens (the son of the great painter) and together with it a copy of Stephens' edition of *Cicero's Philosophical Works*, containing in the margin various readings from an ancient manuscript, Bishop Monk adds that this "belonged to Dr. John Moore, Bishop of Norwich, who had offered through Bentley to send a copy of the various readings to Grævius, then employed on an edition of Cicero, and upon his embracing the offer, permitted him to have the volume itself, promising him, at the same time, some other subsidia for the work which his noble library supplied."

This prelate had not only made that extensive collection of books now forming part of the University Library at Cambridge, but, with a truly liberal spirit, was always ready to give the use of them to scholars. He seems early to have patronized and encouraged Dr. Bentley, and to have allowed him the free use of his library.†

In the University Library at Cambridge is the following MS. letter from the Bishop of Norwich, dated 1696, with Strype's note:—"*Dr. Lightfoot's MS. of ye Assembly of Divines which I procured him.*" It is addressed "For the Reverend Mr. Strype, at Low Leighton." (Strype has added "Writ March 26. Rec^d^. Apr. 1. Bp. of Norwich, Dr. Lightfoot's MS.")

"Dear Sir,—I thank you heartily for the pains you have taken both about the Dr.'s MSS. and that in ye shop, and the method in wch you proceed wth the bookseller. Whatever you shall judge fit to give I readily will pay for it. I have been blamed for letting you go before dinner, notwithstanding I was importunate wth you to stay. Therefore in some short time you must come, to make my peace and further to oblige

"Your very affectionate Humble servant,

"J. Norwich."

* Hackett's *Epitaphs.* † Bishop Monk's *Life of Dr. Bentley*, p. 39.

Strype adds the following note: "*Friday night*, and I received it not till Thursday following; and paid as much as tho' it came 100 miles."

Among Cole's MSS. in the British Museum are his copies from Strype's correspondence. In vol. 521, Add. MS. 5853, p. 408, is the following letter from Bishop Moore to Strype, with Cole's remarks:—

"143. From Bucks Head Court in Great Distaffe Lane near St. Paul's. *For the rev. Mr. Strype, Minister of Low Layton, in Essex.*

"*June* 25, 1697.

"Dear Sir,—Your Lr. being *mislade* is *only the cause* of this *late answer*. *I thank* you for the MSS., and shall *accept it* at the the *Price*, and *desire* you to *call* of *Mr. Charles*, the *Clerk of St. Andrew's Holborn*, who upon the *sight* of this will *pay* you *three guineas*. Pray with your *first convenience send me* the *Title of this MSS.*, and *go on* and *prosper* in your *studies*, so *beneficial* to the *Public*, and *pleasant* to *yourself*. I shall *ever be glad* to serve you in them.

"I am your very affectionate humble
"Servant and Brother,
"J. Norwich.

"*Mr. Strype's writing on the back: I procured him Dr. Lightfoot's Journal of the Assembly of Divines, taken by himself.*"

Cole then adds the following, which on such authority amounts to very little:—"*Bishop Moore's Arms, viz., Ermine on a Chevron three cinqfoils impaled by Norwich and ensigned with a mitre:* it is *neatly impressed*, though *only on a wafer*. I have *been told*, that *the Bishop* and his *wife lived miserably snarling together, always quarrelling*. His *unmarried daughter, Mrs. Moore, died* at a *very great age* at *Windsor last year* 1777, and was *brought to Ely* to be buried." The Cathedral Register has no entry of this burial. Cole here refers to Dr. Moore's *second* marriage, with Lady Browne,* relict of Sir Richard Browne, Baronet, and formerly of Michael, second son of Sir William Blackett, Bart., of Morton Palmes.

That matrimonial disagreements should be possible in a bishop's palace as well as elsewhere will be taken for granted. We will, however, grant the quarrelling, albeit the Bishop speaks with all affection in his will of his "deare wife," and leaves to her his lands and tenements in Darlington,† the plate and jewells, "also the green bed standing in my owne bed-chamber at Ely, and the

* She was the only surviving issue of William Barnes, Esq., of Darlington, who was descended from Henry Barnes, brother of Richard, Bishop of Durham (1547), whose coat-of-arms and of his family were confirmed to him by Robert Glover, Somerset. His patent ran as follows ". . . in Comitat. Lancastr. ex honesta familia, quæ a dominis baronibus de Bernes originem traxit, oriundus."

† These, however, were her own paternal inheritance.

chairs covered with the same stuff standing in the said bed-chamber, and one hundred pounds in money to be paid to her by my executor within ten months after my decease." (Proved P. C. C. 3 Aug. 1714. *Aston* 158). But, on the other hand, after Moore's death we find his widow took again one of her two previous husbands' names, as from Longstaffe's *History of Darlington* we learn,—"Dorothy Barnes, sole heiress, named as under age in her father's will, in Sadberge Reg. as "The Hon. Lady Brown, who was baptised in this chappel, 7th August, 1670 [some error]; in memory whereof she gave a pulpit-cloth and cushion of red shagg in the year 1725." She also built the market cross at Darlington, which is inscribed: "This Cross : Erected : By : Dame : Dorothy : Brown, 1727." Moore died in 1714.

Nor was Moore's widow buried with him, and the last we hear of her is through Cole's MSS. as "breaking up housekeeping," October 11th, 1714. For Moore's private life we have little material except that afforded by his diaries. Of his public and official life his chaplain, Samuel Clarke, is at once our most full and most trustworthy biographer. Clarke owed much to Moore, as did Whiston, the editor of *Josephus*, another chaplain of the Bishop's.

Dr. Samuel Clarke, writing in 1715 in a Preface to Bishop Moore's *Sermons*, tells us that "the late Right Reverend Father in God, John, Lord Bishop of Ely, was a person of such Exemplary Piety and Virtue; so deservedly famed through all Parts of the Learned World, for his Extensive Knowledge, and Accurate Judgment: so stedy in his Adherence to the real Interest of his Country, through all Changes of Times; and Eminent in his Zeal for promoting, upon all Occasions, the true Spirit of the Protestant Religion: So Judicious, Laborious, and Constant a Preacher, both before and after his Advancement to the Episcopal Dignity; and particularly so Exact and Skilful a Determiner of Practical cases and Questions in Divinity: that the World had reason to expect from him many Excellent and Useful Works: had not his continued Application to the Duties of his Episcopal Function; his perpetual Readiness to collect with much Time and Care, out of his Immense Library, Materials for Learned Men who were writing upon all Sorts of useful Subjects; and his unwearied Pains in relieving both the Temporal and Spiritual Wants of the Poor, who perpetually applied to him from all Parts; left him little, very little Time for his own Private Studies.

"The Sermons now Printed Together in One Volume (which he was preparing to Augment with some new Discourses a little before his Death, but had not Time to finish them), were Published by the Author singly upon particular occasions; containing in them, throughout, a most excellent Spirit of Piety, and the Truest and most Clear Notions concerning the Great Ends and Designs

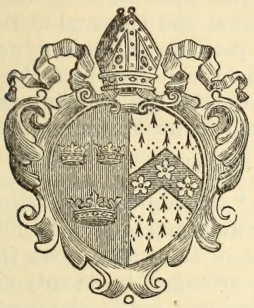
of the Gospel. They were All received in the World with Great Approbation; and Some of them very quickly passed through many Editions: Particularly That concerning Religious Melancholy, which is known to have afforded much Comfort and Relief to many Weak Minds, at the same time that it is highly Satisfactory to the most Learned and Judicious."

The first sermon in the volume was preached on May 28th, 1682, before the Lord Mayor, Sir John Moore, and is dedicated to him.* Sermon V. was preached on the 28th of June, 1691, at S. Andrew's, Holborn, "when he took his Leave of that Parish." It is an admirable sermon on Galatians vi. 7, and not the enormous length of most of these discourses. The sermon Of Religious Melancholy, alluded to by Clarke, was preached before the Queen at Whitehall, March 6th, 1691-2, on Psalm xlii. 6; and consists of thirty pages octavo.

Moore preached before the King at St. James's, on April 16th, 1696, a thanksgiving sermon "for King William's Deliverance from the Assassination." The remainder are Sermons before the House of Lords in Westminster Abbey, and sermons in the Chapels Royal. In the University Library are four MS. Books of Sermons, which though undoubtedly written in Moore's handwriting, have by some wiseacre been attributed to Isaac Barrow, in the following MS. note—"Hic liber, ut ex manu videtur, fuit viri doctissimi Isaaci Barrow." One sermon seems to have been a special favourite with the Bishop, as it was preached *twelve* times. The text is Joshua xxiv. 15. All the sermons are beautifully written, while the numerous notes from Philosophers, the Fathers and old divines, show the labour bestowed by their writer, and the richness of the sources upon which he drew. Notes for Sermons, extracts in Hebrew, several Latin verses, and some notes in shorthand, are also in these old volumes, and will repay the research of the curious. Dr. Stoughton, however, remarks that Moore "was one of a considerable number who gain a reputation amongst friends for ability to do what they never accomplish." This is in allusion to Dr. Clarke's regret that the Bishop was so occupied with the duties of his office and the help he gave to others, that he had little time for his own private studies. More important and more unjust is Dr. Stoughton's continuation of the attack, upon one whom he designates as belonging "to the class of Cambridge theologians probably." For although the diaries show the scrupulous care with which the Bishop *paid* for his books, (and it is interesting to note the prices given for many of them), yet Dr. Stoughton is content to repeat the old calumny, which has

* Sir John Moore has been called Bishop Moore's *cousin*. He was descended from the Leicestershire family settled at Appleby, and was a very remote relation of the Bishop's. He was Master of the Grocers' Company, and is conspicuous in Baron Heath's History of that Guild as a Benefactor. His nephew and heir bought Kentwell Hall, Suffolk, 1717.

been truly described by Bishop Burnet as an "envious stigma," viz., that Bishop Moore was also one of a still greater number "in whom the love of Books weakens regard for the rights of property," for according to a critic (Gough) less friendly to his reputation (than Clarke), Moore "indulged an avarice in that respect," which "carried him a step beyond the sin of coveting."



ARMS OF SEE OF ELY, IMPALING MOORE.

Bishop Burnet, says Dibdin, thus describes Moore's fine Library when he was Bishop of Ely, to which see he was translated July 31st, 1707, on the death of Bishop Patrick. "This noble record was lent me by my reverend and learned brother, Dr. Moore, Bishop of Ely, who has gathered together a most valuable treasure, both of printed books and manuscripts, beyond what one can think that the life and labour of one man could have compassed; and which he is as ready to communicate as he has been careful to collect it" (*History of Reformation*, vol. iii., p. 46). "It seems hard writes Dibdin, to reconcile this testimony of Burnet with the late Mr. Gough's declaration, that "The Bishop collected his Library by plundering those of the clergy in his diocese; some he paid with sermons or more modern books; others only with *quid illiterati cum libris*."* The charge is both cruel and unjust. It is one of those pieces of gossip based upon some one man's casual remark, which gets repeated, and, once in print, is readily accepted as the literal truth. One precious copy of Cicero, mentioned above as sent to Holland to Grævius, never found its way back either to the Bishop or to Cambridge; but Grævius has never been pilloried as a thief in consequence; and no one in his senses would ever wish to do so. The real fact is, the Bishop delighted not only in collecting books, but of course both lent and borrowed them. Thus in the Bishop's Diary, under the date April 14th, 1703, we find John Ernest Grabe borrows the first volume of the Antwerp Bibel, with the assurance that this and other valuable works shall be restored "without any damage at demand"; while Alexander Cunningham writes from The Hague, 22nd Feb. 1709, to borrow books from the Bishop of Ely, "who is very ready to lend books to those who are upon any public service." The charge of not returning books, however, is we fear common against all great book collectors,—not that they intend keeping them, but that they cannot make up their minds to return them *yet*.

At his death the Bishop left, we are told, codices in folio 6,725; in quarto 8,200; in octavo 14,040; manuscripts 1,790; making a

* *Bibliomania*, p. 318 note.

total of 30,756. This Library was offered in 1714 to Lord Oxford for £8,000; "and how that distinguished and truly noble collector could have declined the purchase of such exquisite treasures," Dibdin is at a loss to understand. The reason, however, why Lord Oxford declined was that the Bishop insisted on being paid the money in his lifetime, though Lord Oxford was not to have the books till the Bishop's death. "But a public-spirited character," writes Dibdin, "was not wanting to prevent the irreparable dispersion of such book-gems, and that patriotic character was George I., who gave 6,000 guineas for them, and presented them to the public library of the University of Cambridge; making the Library there equal to the famous one at the sister University."

"These are imperial works, and worthy kings!"

"And here," adds the same writer, "the almost unrivalled *Bibliotheca Moriana* yet quietly and securely reposes." It fills the rooms on the north and west sides of the court, over the Philosophy and Divinity schools, and is arranged in twenty-six classes. But for some years after the Bishop's death, claimants appeared, and several of the books and manuscripts had to be returned to the Bodleian or to private individuals, who had *lent* them to the Bishop. The imputation that the Bishop intended to retain them had he lived, was never hinted at by those who came to claim them, and in all cases where the rightful ownership was established, the property was restored, as it would undoubtedly have been given back had the Bishop received longer warning of his approaching end. Of the Bishop's impartiality and justice we may now give an interesting instance.

As Bishop of Ely he was *ex officio* Visitor of Trinity College, Cambridge; he was the friend of Dr. Bentley, the Master, and had often stayed with him at the Master's Lodge, but nevertheless when called upon to become his judge, he made no scruple except so far as to direct that the accusation should come before him in the form of a petition addressed to himself by name as Visitor under the Statutes.* At one of the hearings during the trial, when the Master of Trinity was present, Bishop Moore expressed an opinion unfavourable to him. This unexpected shock was too much even for the firm mind and strong nerves of Dr. Bentley, who fainted away in the court. The trial continued six weeks, and Bishop Moore, after consulting his assessors, ordered a sentence of deprivation to be prepared, which was found amongst the Bishop's papers after his death; but it is doubted whether he intended it to be executed until all milder methods of reconciliation had failed. The long sittings in the Hall of Ely House were the cause of the Bishop's last illness and death. He caught cold, and a severe and rapid illness ensued, which terminated fatally on

* Dr. Monk's *Life of Bentley*.

July 31st, 1714 (the anniversary of his translation from the See of Norwich to that of Ely) before he could pronounce judgment in this long-protracted cause. The King shortly after his accession, hearing the determination of the University of Cambridge to uphold the title of the House of Hanover upon Church of England principles, immediately decided upon the noble exercise of royal munificence to which we have alluded. Dr. Monk tells us that it was at the suggestion of Lord Viscount Townshend that the King bought the Library of the late Bishop Moore, one of the best in the kingdom, for 6,000 guineas, valuable not only for its extent (being about 30,000 volumes), but for the rarity of its treasures both printed and manuscript. He declares that it is the greatest benefaction which Cambridge had ever yet received; a statement which requires no modification whatever. Mr. John Bagford seems to have been equally impressed by the magnitude of the collection, for writing of libraries in private hands, he says, "The Right Rev. the Bishop of Norwich (Moore) hath a large and most incomparable library. There are vast quantities both of printed books and MSS. in all faculties. There is a great variety of MSS. admirable both for antiquity and fair writing. A Capgrave the finest in England: there is but one more, and that is in Bene't College Lib. in Camb.; with many others of great value, too long to insert. He hath many of the old printed books at the first beginning of printing. That at Mentz 1460, and others printed at Rome, and several other cities in Italy, Germany, France and Holland before 1500. Those printed in England by the first printers, at Oxford, St. Albans, Westminster, by Caxton, Wynken de Worde, Pynson, etc., the greatest collection of any in England. Other books printed on vellum, and curiously illuminated, so as to pass for MSS., a fine Pliny and Livy, in two vols., both printed on vellum, and many such like. Abundance of exemplars of books printed by the famous printers of the Aldi, Junti, Gryphius, Vascosanus, Stephens, Elzevirs, etc. It were heartily to be wished that his Lordship's catalogue were printed, for I believe it would be the best that ever appeared, I mean in England."*

A long list of the Bishop's early printed books, enriched with notes by scholars, is included in Bernard's *Catalogi Manuscriptorum Angliæ et Hiberniæ*. (Oxon, 1697, folio.)

An unpublished letter of the Bishop's, dated February 19th, 1696, alludes to the list of his MSS. which Bernard included in his great catalogue printed at Oxford in 1697; for, writing to Strype to procure Dr. Lightfoot's MS. notes of the Assembly of Divines, the Bishop says:—

Dear Sir,—You judge truly that a long time I have been desirous of your good company, and very welcome you will be

* From Mr. John Bagford's Collections in the British Museum.

when you appear. I was in good hope of Dr. Lightfoot's MSS., and am still so much the more desirous of it, because it yet may have a place in my Catalogue to be printed at Oxford. It is strange this young man should have so little regard to his promise when I am ready to further gratify him than you promised if the MSS. did deserve it, and should be ready to do him any good office that came in my way, which surely may be an equalent to this favour.

"I am, dear Sir,

"Yr very affectionate

"Brothr & Sert.

"Feb. 19th, '96." J. Norwich.

Yet Dibdin, writing in 1811, laments that his love of truth and bibliography compel him to add, with a sorrowful heart, that not only is there no printed catalogue of Bishop Moore's entire library, but even the FINE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY remains unpublished in print! *

In Hearne's *Remains* is the following record of a visit from our collector to the Bodleian. "August 22, 1707. The Right Reverend Dr. John Moore, lately Bishop of Norwich, now Bishop of Ely, coming this day to ye Publick Library, and, amongst other things, talking of Indices Expurgatorii, I brought down to his Lordship this book. He look'd it over very curiously, and read the two preceding memorandums, after which he told me that he had in his study an Index Expurgatorius printed at Madrid before this, but that the letter was much worse, and that the book in other respects was not so beautiful.†

The gift of the Bishop's Library by George I. gave rise to the two oft-quoted and generally *mis-quoted* epigrams. A troop of dragoons was dispatched by the Ministry to quell some disturbances at Oxford at the same time that the Bishop of Ely's Library reached Cambridge. Dr. Trapp, the first Professor of Poetry at Oxford (some say his successor, Warton), wrote the following doggerel on the twofold event. We quote the version here given from a MS. of Mr. Rouse, nearly one hundred years old, and which we believe is the original :—

Oxford.

"Contrary methods justly George applies
To govern his two Universities;
To Oxford sent a troop of horse;—for why?
That learned body wanted *Loyalty*.
To Cambridge he sent books, as well discerning
How much that loyal body wanted learning."

The reply from Cambridge is attributed to Sir William Browne, the physician, and is said to have been (alas for his other literary

* *Bibliomania*, p. 319, note.

† *Remains of Thomas Hearne* (ed. Bliss, 1869) vol. i. p. 14, note 2.

efforts!) the best thing that ever came from his pen. It is said to have extorted praise even from Johnson in favour of a Cambridge man. We quote again what we believe to be the original, which will compare favourably with that given by Noble.

"The Answer of Cambridge.

Contrary methods justly George applies
To govern his two Universities.
And so to Oxford sent a troop of horse,
For *Tories* hold no *argument* but *force*.
To Cambridge Ely's learned troops are sent,
For *Whigs* admit no *force* but argument."

The Bishop's Library was soon and eagerly searched on its arrival at Cambridge. A letter from Mr. Taylor, Librarian of Cambridge, dated July 31st, 1732, in reference to the authorship of the *Whole Duty of Man*, quotes a note, found amongst the late Bishop of Ely's (Dr. Moore's) MSS., while Dibdin gives an amusing account of the congenial hours spent (A.D. 1808), holding the most precious part of Bishop Moore's collection in his hands, ever and anon being eyed sharply by his Cambridge friend, who "entertained a laudable distrust of a keen book-hunter from a rival University! I thank my good genius," he adds, "that I returned as I entered, with clean hands!"

We have little further to add. Of the private life of the Bishop little can now be ever known; of his public life we have only occasional notes. He was, however, one of the eleven Bishops in the House of Lords who, when the Bill for security of the Church of England was read, assented to a clause in it to take off the sacramental test, which was dissented to by York, Chester, London, Rochester, Saint Asaph, and Durham. In politics a Whig, he was still mild and moderate, and one on whose advice Queen Anne largely relied in her ecclesiastical appointments. As a contributor to many valuable works, the Bishop acted with unselfishness and modesty. His own reputation might have been far greater as a writer, both profound and accurate, had he not been so ready to aid any author, engaged in valuable work. To these he pointed out a multitude of celebrated authors, and Clarke's *Cæsar* and Wilkins' *Ecclesiastes*, and Burnet's *Reformation* owe much of their value and many of their references to one who was ever ready to help on good work, wherever it was being done, himself content to remain in the background and the shade. Yet such literary gifts as he did make to the world were largely appreciated; a second edition of his Sermons, in two volumes octavo, following in 1724 the first one-volume edition of 1715-16. These sermons were held in such high estimation that they were translated into Dutch and printed at Delft. To these sermons, as to Dibdin's enlarged edition of the *Typographical Antiquities* by Joseph Ames (1810-19),

are prefixed portraits of the Bishop:* in the formér he appears in the full-bottomed periwig so dear to the Court of Queen Anne (M. Vdr. Gucht, Sculp.), but the best picture is that in Lambeth Palace by Sir Godfrey Kneller, copies of which are in the University Library, on the staircase, in the Master's Lodge at Clare, and in the Bishop's dining-room in the Palace at Ely. The original of these was painted when he was Bishop of Norwich. A much later, and in some respects more striking and luminous, portrait than the replicas of Kneller's work, is that in the Combination Room at Clare. This *may be* the work of Kersseboom, who painted several of the Bishop's children. By his second marriage, with Lady Browne, widow of Sir Richard Browne, Bart., Bishop Moore left three sons, Daniel, Bailiff of Darlington by patent 1710, who died Consul at Zante; William;† and Charles of the Inner Temple, Justice of the Peace, Steward of Darlington 1733, Bailiff of Darlington by patent 1736.

The burial of Bishop Moore took place August 5th, 1714, in Ely Cathedral, his remains resting at the east end of the Cathedral, immediately behind the reredos. His monument is now in the south aisle of the choir, against the back-screen erected to mask the stalls; and we may well close this brief history of a useful, sympathetic, and unblemished life in the words of his epitaph:—

"Hic situs est Reverendus admodum in Christo Pater Johannes Moore, Norvicensis primo, deinde Hujus Diœceseos Episcopus, Vitæ Morumque egregium ad imitationem Exemplar; in quotidianâ enim Vitæ consuetudine eluxit Comitate condita Gravitas, et cum venustissima Suavitate conjuncta Auctoritas. In Concionando perpetuus erat, commovendis ad Pietatem Animis valde idoneo affectu; in rebus difficilioribus explicandis accuratissimus; Ecclesiæ ornandæ pariter ac tuendæ, semper intentus; erga Amicos, officiorum sedulitate indefessus; erga Patriam eâ fide atque studio, ut consilia publicam utilitatem et veram libertatem spectantia, in omnibus rerum temporumque commutationibus, constanter promoverit. Pauperibus inopiam pecuniâ, adversam valetudinem rei medicæ scientiâ, (quæ in Ipso summa fuit,) sublevabat; inter Scientiæ Civilis Consultos, rerum prudentiâ, bonique et æqui cognitione, Celebris; inter Literatos eâ demum erat existimatione, ut a multis fere annis nihil editum fuerit de meliore Notâ, cui non ex instructissimâ ejus Bibliothecâ, (quæ nunc è munificentiâ Regiâ Academiæ Cantabrigiensi ornamento

* In the *Typographical Antiquities* the portrait is by Hodgetts. There is another engraving of Dr. Moore by R. White *ad vivum*, as Bishop of Norwich, a copy of which, by photo-lithography, is here given. Also a fine mezzotint; this plate is in two states, first as Episcopus Norvicensis, etc., with the following written beneath:—"*G. Kneller S. R. Imp: et Angl; Eques Aur: pinx: W. Faithorne fecit. Cum Privilegio Regis. Sold by E. Cooper, at yᵉ 2 Pidgeons in Bedford Street,*" and in the second the plate is altered to Eliensis.

† Supposed to have died in New York.

est,) materiæ aliquid accederet. Obiit Julii 31, 1714, Ætatis suæ 68."

This epitaph we have reason to believe is the work of Dr. Samuel Clarke, as also the following Elegiacs, to which we append a free translation into heroic couplets :—

"Jam licet improba mors satiet se Corpore Moori
Præsulis et Medici; sed nec inultus obit.
Mortis enim laqueis multorum Corpora solvit.
Quorum animis Cæli spemque fidemque dedit.
Dumque pijs studijs aditum patefecit ad Astra.
Arte suâ longam fecit ad Astra viam.
At, Tibi, dum Cordi est Alienæ cura salutis,
Occidis, heu! Vitæ prodigus ipse tuæ;
Curâsti bene, ne Tecum tua Fama periret,
Cum tot adhuc vivunt munere, Moore, tui."

"Though now the prey of Death Moore's body lies,
Not unavenged the Doctor-Prelate dies.
From snares of Death men's bodies he would save,
While to their souls sure hope of Heaven he gave.
By zeal devout disclosed the heavenly way,
Yet by his art prolonged man's earthly stay.
But oh, while dear to thee men's lives have grown,
Reckless of self, Moore, thou hast spent thine own.
Well hast thou ordered that thy fame should live,
Since by thy gift so many still survive."

Such, though very imperfect, is what we believe to be the true outline and the not over-coloured portraiture of the Father of Black-Letter Collectors. Will any read such testimonies as Samuel Clarke's, Bishop Burnet's and Hoadly's, and still believe Cole, Gough, Stoughton, *et hoc genus omne*, that bibliomania and kleptomania were so inseparable in "good" Bishop Moore's case, that he was not only the greatest book collector of his age, but also a most unworthy prelate and accomplished thief? We have at least arrived at a more charitable and, we believe, more just conclusion ourselves, and can but trust that as "he gave his honours to the world again, his blessed part to Heaven," so now he "RESTS IN PEACE."

THE DESCENDANTS OF BISHOP MOORE.

The Rev. John Moore, of Univ. Coll., Oxon., Rector of Knaptoft; bur. 2 August, 1657; Adm'on granted 25 Nov., 1657; mar. Ellinor Kirk, of Northampton, by whom he had issue,—

(1) John, of Stamford; bapt. 30 Jan., 1619; d. 1698.
(2) Thomas, of whom hereafter.
(3) Mary, the wife of . . . . Biccarton.
(4) Grace, the wife of . . . . Warren.

Thomas Moore, of Market Harborough; bapt. there 3 June, 1621; d. 25 Febr., 1686; bur. at St. Mary in Arden; Will P.C.C.

1686, (80 *Lloyd*); mar. Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Wright, of Sutton-juxta-Broughton, by whom he had issue,—

(1) John, of whom hereafter.
(2) Edward.
(3) Thomas, Collector of Customs in Great Yarmouth; b. 1649; d. 1724; bur. at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth; Will P.C.C. 1724, (277 *Bolton*); married Elizabeth, dau. of John Ramey (she died 1698, æt. 38), and had issue,—[1] Elizabeth, who mar. 1st, Robert Adkin, and had issue Thomas and Robert, and 2ndly . . . . . Trindreth; [2] Samuel, who died in 1707, æt. 10.
(4) Samuel.
(5) Mary, bapt. 9 May, 1652, mar. Josiah Bayes, and had a dau. Sarah.
(6) Daniel, b. 30 June, 1654.
(7) David, b. 13 Oct., 1655; mar. . . . .
(8) Hannah, mar. . . . . Freeman.
(9) Elizabeth, b. 5 June, 1659.
(10) George, bapt. 16 Sept. 1661; bur. 1 May 1687.

The Right Rev. John Moore, D.D., born at Sutton-juxta-Broughton 1646, Rector of Blaby 1676 to 1688, Bishop of Norwich 1691, translated to Ely 1707; died 31 July, 1714; buried 5 August at Ely; Will P.C.C. (158 *Aston*); married 1st at Barnwell 1679, Rose dau. of Neville Thomas Alexander Butler, esq. of Barnwell Priory, (she died 18 August 1689, and was buried at St. Giles in the Fields,) and by her had issue,—

(1) John, Chief Registrar of Norwich, b. 1679, d. 6 Jan. 1725, Will P.C.C. (53 *Plymouth*), married Thomazine dau. of Robert Pepper, LL.D. Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich (she was b. 1676, and d. 4 April 1715), and had issue,—Robert; Pepper, d. 27 March 1705; John, Registrar to the Commissioners of the Archdeaconry of Norwich, Will P.C.C. 1749 (319 *Lisle*); and Thomas.
(2) Thomas, Surveyor of Customs, London, d. 29 Jan. 1741 at Kensington, Will P.C.C. 1740-1 (45 *Spurway*).
(3) Edward, bur. at Barnwell, 9 March 1690.
(4) Rose, b. 1681, d. 15 March 1706, bur. at Norwich, mar. Thomas Tanner, D.D., Bishop of St. Asaph, & had issue Dorothy, who d. 1703.
(5) Elizabeth, mar. Robert Cannon, D.D., Dean of Lincoln; Will P.C.C. (91 *Marlborough*).
(6) Mary, of New Windsor, died 1777, æt. 95. Will P.C.C. 1777. (31 *Collier*).

The Bishop married 2ndly, Dorothy, dau. of William Barnes, esq. of Darlington, and widow of Sir Richard Browne, Bart., and by her had issue,—

(7) Daniel, of whom presently.

(8) William, of the Corps of Gent. Archers, bapt. July 1692.
(9) Charles, of the Inner Temple, J.P., Steward & Bailiff of Darlington, d. 1738, Adm'on granted 1738 to Elizabeth his widow.

Daniel Moore, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, esq., Bailiff of Darlington, Consul at Zante; had issue two sons, Robert, and

John Moore, of Shrewsbury, who died there, leaving issue by . . . . Gibbard, his wife,

(1) William, d. s. p. in America.
(2) John, of whom presently.
(3) Daniel, died at Coventry May 1777, had by Elizabeth Hewitt, his wife, a son Nathaniel Cox, of Plymouth, M.R.C.S.
(4.) Mary, mar. James Bird, of London, (great uncle to Samuel Wilberforce, Bp. of Winchester, John Bird Sumner, Abp. of Canterbury, and Chas. Rd. Sumner, Bp. of Winchester).

John Moore, of Shrewsbury, b. Dec. 1739, d. 15 March 1797, bur. at Holy Trinity, Coventry, mar. 1st 17 Aug. 1760, Mary Drake, (she was b. 4 Feb. 1734, & d. 1765, bur. at Northampton), and had issue by her,—

(1) William, b. 31 Oct. 1761, d. 9 Dec. 1762.
(2) John, b. 1762, d. 1827, mar. 1st Nancy Wright, by whom he had issue,—Mary Ann, wife of Wm. Soulter, d. 1851; & John, d. s. p. 9 May 1830. He mar. 2ndly Maria Brandish, by whom he had issue,—Maria, wife of Rev. Fred Perkins; and Matilda Brandish.
(3) Timothy, b. 1765, d. 1795, married Ann Barber, & had issue,—Ann, and Timothy.

Mr. John Moore mar. 2ndly, 3 Oct. 1760, at Holy Trinity, Coventry, Mary Jarvis (she was b. March 1741, d. 2 May 1820), and had issue by her,—

(4) Nathaniel, b. 1769, d. young.
(5) Esther, the wife of . . . . Elson.
(6) Daniel, b. 1771, mar. 1st Elizabeth Ward, by whom he had issue,—[1] Nathaniel, b. 1793, mar. Mary Ann Angless, and by her had 3 children,—Daniel, who d. s. p.; Elizabeth, the wife of . . . . Johnson; and Mary Ann, the wife of . . . . Mann; [2] Daniel, who d. s. p.; [3] Samuel, who d. s. p. He mar. 2ndly, Hannah Walter, but she d. s. p.
(7) Thomas, b. 1773, mar. Martha Wells, & had issue 2 sons, Thomas and William.
(8) George, of whom presently.
(9) Mary, b. 1777, mar. William Dowell.
(10) David, mar. Jane Rawlins, and had issue,—Eliza, the wife of Robert Moll, of Beoley Hall, Edgbaston; John Hassall; Jabez; and others.

(11) (12) (13) Ann, Elizabeth, & Alice, who d. in infancy.

George Moore, of Bicester, b. 1775, mar. Hannah Shaw, by whom he had issue,—

(1) Amelia, b. 1800.
(2) Charles Henry, b. 1801, d. 1807.
(3) George, a Solicitor, b. 1802, mar. Catherine C. Hayward, and had issue,—Amelia; Rev. Herbert Daniel, M.A. of B.N.C. Oxon., Canon of Maritzburg, d. s. p. 1879; Georgina Mary; Reginald Clare; & Chambers Lorraine.
(4) John, of whom presently.
(5) Richard, b. 1806, d. 1812.
(6) Hannah, b. 1807, d. 1809.
(7) Daniel, of whom presently.
(8) Mary, b. 1811, mar. Samuel Clarke.
(9) David, b. 1813, d. s. p. 1850.
(10) Emma, b. 1814, mar. John Dent.

John Moore (4th child of George Moore and Hannah Shaw) of Leicester, M.R.C.S., b. 1804, d. 1867, mar. Mary Bates, & had issue,—

(1) Henry Bates, d. s. p. 1871.
(2) John Daniel, of Lancaster, M.D., F.L.S., b. 1836, d. 1881, mar. Anne, dau. of Edward Rogerson, of Bramley, & had issue,—Percy St. Aubyn, Aubrey Bonville, and Ida Mary.
(3) Mary Hannah, mar. J. Carrier.
(4) James Mason, mar. Emma Coleman.
(5) Helen. (6) Caroline. (7) Julia.
(8) Herbert Cecil, M.B., of Winnington.

Rev. Daniel Moore (7th child of George Moore & Hannah Shaw), Vicar of Holy Trinity, Paddington, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, & Prebendary of St. Paul's, b. 1809, mar. Fanny Henrietta, dau. of George Lackington, Official Assignee in Bankruptcy, and has issue,—

(1) Fanny Georgiana.
(2) George Daniel, d. 21 Sept. 1878, mar. Josephine Constance Brodie, & had issue,—Walter Daniel, & Cecil Henry Ashton, both d. young; George Herbert, and others.
(3) Rev. Aubrey Lackington, M.A., Tutor of Keble & Magd. Coll. Oxon., Exam. Chaplain to the Bp. of Oxford, married Catherine, dau. of F. Hurt of Nottingham, & has issue.
(4) Edith Charlotte, mar. Wm. Langton.
(5) Rev. Cecil, M.A. of Exeter Coll. Oxon., of Lovell Lodge, Crawley, Sussex; Hon. Sec. to Central Council of Diocesan Conferences; mar. Ellen, dau. of Wm. Earle of Hungershall Park, Tunbridge Wells.
(6) Alice Mary, d. young. (7) Constance Margaret.
(8) Herbert Augustine, B.A. of Univ. Coll. Oxon; and of Ely Theological College.

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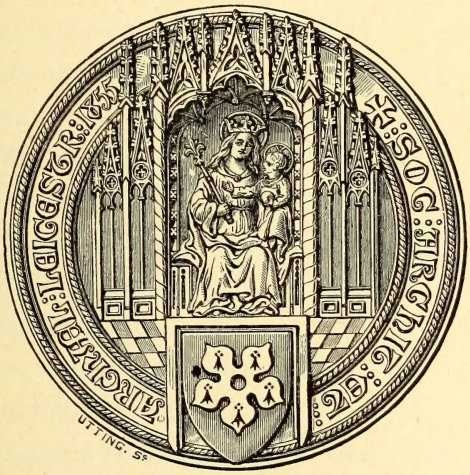

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MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1885.

Ellis, John, Esq., Avenue Road, Leicester.

Hunt, John, Esq., Thurnby.

Ordish, Frederick Webster, Esq., Queniborough.

Stretton, Clement, Esq., Glen Magna.

In 1886.

Sir William de Capel Brooke, Bart.

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January 26th, 1885.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

was held in the Library of the Guild Hall, Leicester,

The Venerable Archdeacon Pownall, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Report of the Committee for the year 1885, was adopted and passed as follows:—

THE REPORT.

In placing before the Members of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society this, the Thirtieth Annual Report of its proceedings, it is imperative to mention first of all the great loss which the Society has sustained in the death of Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A. In January, 1861, he was elected one of our Honorary Secretaries, and from that time until his death he worked for us energetically in many ways. He wrote for us a great number of excellent papers, distinguished by the most patient and painstaking research. He carefully edited the first five volumes of our *Transactions*, and his keen interest in our proceedings ended only with his life. He was the author of many well-known archæological works; among the most valuable of these may be mentioned five volumes describing the Church Bells of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, and Bedfordshire, with many interesting accounts of bellfounders and traditions connected with the bells of the respective churches. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed at the bi-monthly meeting on March 31, expressing the deep sorrow of the Members of this Society at the loss of a life so valuable as Mr. North's, and the Honorary Secretaries were requested to forward a letter to his widow to this effect. It is proposed to place a brass in S. Martin's Church, Leicester, in memory of Mr. North, and a Committee has been appointed to carry out the plan. The cost of the memorial will probably be about twenty guineas, and subscriptions are invited for this purpose. The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher has consented to undertake the Honorary Editorial Secretaryship, and we may congratulate ourselves on having so able a successor to Mr. North in this branch of the work. Another valued Member has also passed from us during the last year, Thomas Agar, Esq. We shall greatly miss his unfailing interest and help. It is to be hoped that new Members will step in to fill the places of those who are gone.

It will be seen from the meagre list of papers read in the last twelve months, how much we need more energy and industry amongst us, and how sadly we fail in this respect in comparison with the records of past years. In our last Report mention was made of the few papers sent in for discussion, and this year has no better list to show.

At an adjourned Committee Meeting held on April 28th, it was decided that the Annual Summer Excursion be held at Lichfield, and a series of rules was drawn up for the guidance of the Excursion Committee. An invitation, however, being subsequently received from the Northamptonshire Society to join them in an excursion in the neighbourhood of *Peterborough*, it was resolved at a bi-monthly Meeting held on May 26th to accept the offer. The Annual Summer Meeting, therefore, was held on July 3rd and 4th. The Members of this Society joined those of Northamptonshire at *Barnack*, where they in-

spected the interesting Church, under the guidance of Canon Argles. After this the party drove to *Wittering*, where was seen some well preserved Saxon work in the old church of All Saints. After luncheon at *Wansford*, the Members drove to *Nassington*, where the Rev. D. W. Barrett gave a description of the church. The parish register dates from 1560. *Fotheringhay Church* was next visited, and the *Church at Warmington*, which contains many curious objects. The Rector of *Polebrook* conducted the party over his Church of All Saints (or Saint Lawrence), and the day was concluded by an inspection of the *Church at Oundle*, where was seen the eagle lectern originally belonging to Fotheringhay. On the second day, July 4th, the Members of the two Societies inspected *Woodstone Church*, and that at *Orton Longville*, where is a fresco painting of St. Christopher and the Child. The pulpit in the *Church of Orton Waterville* attracted much attention, being of sixteenth century work. The *Church at Alwalton* was next visited, and then *Chesterton*, where is the base of an ancient churchyard cross, also some interesting monuments. The site of the old *Durobrivæ Camp* was passed on the way to *Stibbington;* there the Members saw the church with some good Norman work. *Sutton* and *Castor Churches* were also inspected; at the latter there is much deserving of record. After luncheon at Castor the party proceeded to *Milton House*, the seat of the Fitzwilliam family, and admired its contents and the beautiful park. A hasty glance at the work being carried on at *Peterborough Cathedral*, and a short visit to the *Church of St. John the Baptist* concluded a very pleasant excursion. We here tender our thanks to all those who by word and deed helped to render our Summer Meeting the success it decidedly was.

The following is a complete list of the papers sent in for reading and discussion; one of these, the fourth, was not read:—1. *Supplementary Paper on Stanford Church*, by the Rev. W. H. Sandon. 2. *Extracts from Leicestershire Registers relating to the Hastings Family*, by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher. 3. *Some Early Notices of the Herrick Family*, by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher. 4. *Bishop Moore*, by the Rev. Cecil Moore. Among the interesting objects exhibited at the bi-monthly Meetings may be mentioned a very good collection of Leicestershire Tradesmen's Tokens; a watch, which formerly belonged to Archbishop Cranmer; a Bible of the first edition, authorised version; and by the kindness of Messrs. Goddard and Paget, the plans of the new *Church of St. John the Baptist*, now being erected on the Clarendon Park Estate, near *Leicester*. There are several novel features in the design for the interior, and it bids fair to be a very effective building. The same architects are also engaged on the new *Church of St. Barnabas*, in the parish of *Humberstone*.

During the past year several churches have been under restoration. The work is still going on at *Ibstock* and *Kirby Bellars*. On April 24th the *Church at Evington* was re-opened, where, mainly by the munificence of Miss Burnaby, a great deal has been accomplished. The nave and aisles have been re-roofed, the interior cleared of plaster, and the walls have been pointed. Open seats of pitch pine have replaced the pews. The whole of the work has been well and carefully carried out. The *Church at Desford* has been partially re-built, and a handsome stone pulpit has been presented. A Sub-Committee was appointed in March to report on the new mural decorations in *Lutterworth Church*, which at that time were being carried out by Messrs. Garland, of Rugby. A report was drawn up and sent to Mr. Watson. The Committee regret that these so-called decorations are still allowed to remain upon the walls of this church. An interesting discovery of some remains of the stone foundation of a bridge and river wall and some other works, probably a boat house or watergate, formerly belonging to the *Augustinian Priory at Leicester*, has been lately made. It is to be hoped that every relic of the past which still remains to us will be jealously watched and preserved, as nearly every year finds Leicester denuded of some of the treasures left us from former times.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
1884.			
Jan. 1. Balance from last Account	58	16	7
From Mr. Thos. North's Executor, for balance of fund granted for printing Transactions	72	12	6
Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year ..	96	10	6
	£227	19	7
1885.			
Jan. 1. Balance in hand	£169	11	9

Payments.	£	s.	d.
1884.			
Advertising	3	17	1
Printing and Publishing Transactions, &c.; books, bookbinding, &c.	50	8	0
Sundries, postages, &c. ..	3	4	9
Fee for use of Town Hall Library for Meetings, 1883 and 1884	0	18	0
Balance in hand	169	11	9
	£227	19	7

Examined and found correct,

(Signed) THOMAS HOLYLAND,
Auditor.

The report and accounts were ordered to be printed.

All the Members of the Committee and the Officers of the Society were re-elected for the ensuing year; and the following gentlemen added to the Committee:—

The Rev. W. R. Mangan, Vicar of S. Barnabas, New Humberstone; and the Rev. T. W. Owen, Vicar of S. Nicholas, Leicester.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor for his kindness in permitting the Society to meet in the Old Town Hall; to the Press, for reporting the proceedings of the Society; and to the Hon. Secretaries and Officers of the Society, and the Committee, for their services during the past year.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:—General Price, Hallaton Manor House; John William Bickley, Esq., Acacia House, Melton; Joseph Harris, Esq., The Fosse, Leicester.

A letter from Mrs. Agar was read, thanking the Society for the vote of condolence on the death of Mr. T. Agar, passed at their last meeting.

Mr. F. W. Ordish was requested to prepare a design for a brass, to be erected in S. Martin's Church, to the memory of the late Thos. North, Esq., F.S.A.

Resolved, that the paper by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, entitled "Extracts from Leicestershire Registers relating to the Hastings Family," be published in the next part of the Associated Societies' Reports and Papers; and that a drawing of the leaden *plaque* of the sixteenth century, exhibited by the Ven. Archdeacon Pownall, and a description of the same, be published in the next part of the Society's Transactions.

Resolved, that the Hon. Secretaries be asked to write to the Secretary of the Northamptonshire Architectural and Archæological Society, to say that the Committee of the Leicestershire Society learn that during the recent alterations in Nassington Church, which was visited by both Societies last summer, several interesting frescoes have been laid bare, and that the Committee venture to hope that all care for the preservation of these frescoes is being taken.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By the CHAIRMAN: A leaden plaque of the middle part of the sixteenth century, measuring about three inches in diameter. Three shields—one above, two below—are displayed on one side of it. The upper one, which is much the largest, is surmounted by the tiara and crossed keys, and bears the six lilies of Alexander Farnese (Pope 1534 to 1549). Of the smaller shields beneath, one displays the arms of Otho Truches, Baron of Waldburgh, and Bishop of Augsburg; the other those of the University of Diligen—a "pelican in her piety," with the legend SIC HIS QVI DILIGVNT—probably canting on the name Diligen. Of that University the Bishop was the founder. Otho Truches having filled offices in Church and State, was created Cardinal in 1544; he died in 1573. It is not known for what purpose this *plaque* was made—probably for some use in connection with the University of Diligen; but it subserved another in commemorating Truches and his patron. The bold workmanship is effective, and in character is pronounced to be German. A copy of the plaque, with a fuller description, is given in the *Associated Architectural Societies' Reports and Papers*, for the year 1885.

By the CHAIRMAN (for the REV. J. M. W. PIERCY, Vicar of Slawston): 1. Inventory of all and singular the goods, creditts, and chattels of John Hall, late of Arnesby, in the county of Leicester, taken the sixth day of April, A.D. 1683; the value of which is represented at £1762 06s. 06d. From this John Hall it is alleged that Robert Hall, the well-known Noncomformist preacher, was descended. 2. A printed receipt for rent due from the above Mr. John Hall to Mr. Joseph Hornby, Anno Regis Caroli Secundi xxxiii. Anno Domini 1681. 3. Another Receipt, "June the 6th, 1600 and seventy 3. Received of Mr. Hall the sum of five shillings in full for one halfe years duty for fire and fire hearths in his house in Arnesby, due and ended at lady day last past. I say received by me, Will. Allmey (?) collector."

By the REV. J. H. HILL, F.S.A.: The following books:—Specimens of Ancient Furniture, drawn from existing Authorities, by Henward Shaw, F.S.A. 1836. The Monumental Brasses of England, by Rev. Charles Boutell, M.A. London, 1845. Rev.

Charles Boutell's Monuments of England. 1854. Winkle's British Cathedrals. 1838.

By the Rev. Dr. Dickson: Collection of antique beads found at Saddington, exhibited by William Johnson, Esq. No. 1. Anglo-Saxon bead, composite, ornamented with a white ware pattern; found on Mr. Johnson's farm. No. 2. On the same field in which No. 1 was found, a pavement of large pebbles was discovered, six feet long, in two layers two feet wide. Betwixt the layers there was some black substance like charcoal; it is thought probable that it may have been the foundation of a funeral pyre. No. 3 contains three beads, evidently of great antiquity. What is the probable date of these beads? Found on the road amongst the gravel, all evidently from some gravel pit.

By the Rev. A. Trollope: Silver tankard parcel gilt. Height, 8 inches; date, circa 17th cent. Marks, 1 a pine apple, 2 H.M. in an oval. This tankard was made at Augsburg; its drum is covered with figures of men and women repoussé, representing a story in early Roman history, viz., the death of Virginia, said to have taken place in the year 449 B.C. The scene is laid in the Forum, and the centre of the design is occupied by Appius Claudius, the decemvir, standing on the tribunal; on his right is Virginia, expiring in the arms of her nurse and other attendants, while on the left of the decemvir is Virginius escaping through a friendly crowd, holding in his hand the dagger with which he has just slain his daughter. The lid of the tankard is surmounted by a knob in the shape of a pomegranate with a slice taken out of it. For historical, as well as artistic reasons, this piece of plate is of considerable interest, inasmuch as it was given by Peter the Great, after his return to Russia, to Admiral Crump, who had accommodated that sovereign with a workshop at Deptford during his visit to England in 1697. This tankard, on which is engraved the Admiral's crest, a dragon's head erased, remained in that family for several generations, being finally bequeathed to its present owner, a gentleman of this county.

The Financial Statement not being audited, the Meeting was adjourned until March 30th, for the purpose of considering and passing the same.

March 30th, 1885.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Adjourned Annual Meeting was held in the Library of the Old Town Hall, Leicester.

A letter was read from Mr. R. E. Chester Waters, offering to write a paper on "The Chesters of Blaby," upon certain conditions, which were agreed to.

Mr. W. J. Freer then alluded to the death of the late John Hunt, Esq., of Thurnby, and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to his relatives, expressing the sorrow felt by the Members of the Society at the loss of one who for so many years had been one of its most valued members.

This was seconded by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

The Accounts for the past year were then presented by the Financial Secretary, and showed a balance to be carried to the credit of the Society on the 1st of January, 1885, of £169 11s. 9d. They were adopted and passed, and ordered to be published.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher read a Biographical Notice of the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., which was accepted with thanks, and ordered to be printed in the Society's "Transactions." This has since been done, and will be found at pp. 91-93 *ante*.

Mr. F. W. Ordish submitted a drawing, which he had kindly prepared, of the proposed brass to the memory of Mr. North, which was approved of by the Members present, and the Committee were directed to spend £35 for the erection of the same.

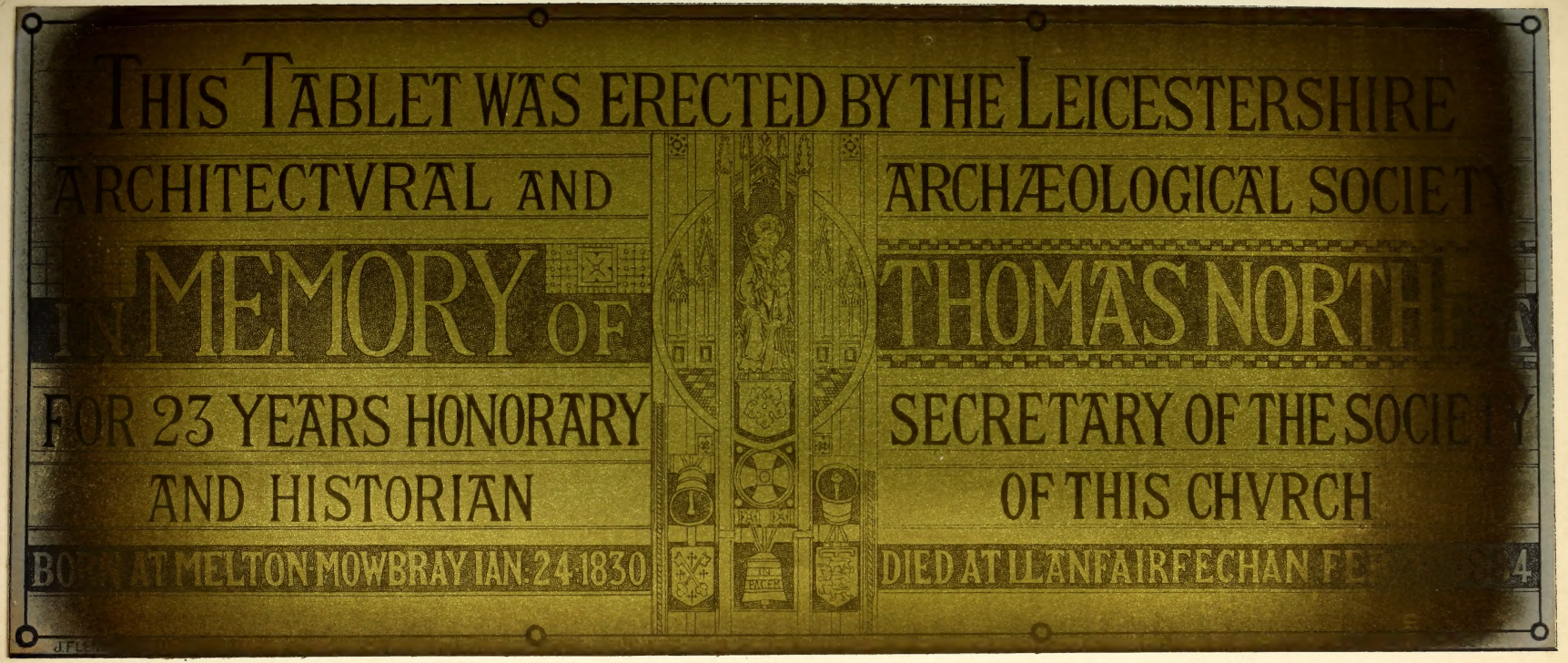
[This has since been engraved by Messrs. Elgood Brothers, art metal workers, of Leicester, upon an oblong brass tablet, which has been placed on the north wall of the choir of S. Martin's Church, below the monument to Mr. Johnson. The brass bears the following inscription, composed by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, and engraved in archaic letters:—

"This Tablet was erected by the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, in memory of Thomas North, F.S.A., for 23 years Honorary Secretary of the Society, and Historian of this Church, born at Melton Mowbray, Jan. 24, 1830, died at Llanfairfechan, Feb. 27, 1884."

The engraving is partially in high and in low relief. The inscription is divided by a band, vertically disposed, containing the badge of the Society in the upper part, and in the lower part several bells in various positions, intended to signify Mr. North's authorship of several volumes on the subject of church bells. The centre bell is at rest, and has the words "In Pacem" inscribed on it. Above this bell is a cross, signifying that he was a communicant member of the Church of England, and on either side of it shields, bearing the arms of the see of Peterborough and the Duchy of Lancaster. The whole brass is extremely chaste and effective, and is mounted on an alabaster slab.]

Miss Hamel, of 35, York Terrace, Regent's Park, London, was elected a member of the Society.

A long discussion took place with reference to the intended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ARCHITECTVRAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS NORTH
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AND HISTORIAN OF THIS CHVRCH
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demolition of West Cotes, many of the Members strongly protesting against such a proceeding; after which the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Society learns with much regret that it is intended to pull down West Cotes, and most earnestly requests its present owner not to destroy the only remaining historical mansion in Leicester."

The Rev. T. W. Owen called attention to some stone pillars, believed to be Roman, which were unearthed by some workmen who were excavating for putting in drains to a house in the Holy Bones; and which he had had placed in St. Nicholas' Churchyard.

A fine impression of the official seal of the Archdeaconry of Leicester was presented to the Society by Archdeacon Pownall.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Chairman: A ½d. of George III., and some old books, beautifully illustrated with decorative designs.

By Col. Fryer, C.B.: An Arabic copy of the Koran; an Afghan door-lock; and the centre of a carved panel,—all taken during the last Afghan War.

By Mr. W. J. Freer, for W. Napier Reeve, Esq., F.S.A.: Some silver medals,—1, Queen Anne, date 1704, the creation of Queen Anne's Bounty; 2, Queen Anne, 1704, battle of Blenheim; 3, Queen Anne, 1703, Limberg, &c.; 4, Charles II. and Catherine, 1670; 5, Napoleon's coronation medal; 6, William and Mary, 1689, coronation medal; 7, bronze, Oliver Cromwell, 1662, funeral medal; 8, silver, Pontefract siege, 1648; piece of Charles I.

By Mr. R. E. Lyne: Copies of Leicestershire Conventual Leases, from the Public Record Office, of property in Theddingworth, granted by the Abbot and Convent of St. Mary de pratis Leicester to the persons therein named in the years 1517, 1530, and 1539. The following are brief abstracts:—

(1) Indenture, dated 5 November 8 Henry VIII., between Richard Abbot of the Monastery of our Lady in the Meadows and the Convent of the same place of the one part, and Thomas Sturges, Robert Sturges his son, and Thomas Sturges son to Robert, of the other part, whereby the Abbot and Convent demised to the said Thomas, Robert, and Thomas, a messuage, two crofts, and 2 yard lands and a quarter, from Michaelmas next for 20 years, at the yearly rent of 30s. (*Exchequer Augm., Conventual Leases, Leicester, Nos.* 157 *to* 222. *No.* 213.)

(2) Indenture, dated 29 December 21 Henry VIII., between the said Richard, Abbot, and the Convent of the one part, and Richard Dey of the other part, being a demise to the said Richard Dey of the tithe barn of the Rectory of Thedingworth, with tithes of corn grass hay and flax in the fields of Thedingworth and Outhorp, and with the manse and all buildings of the same Rectory, and with two tofts a croft, and a virgate and a quarter of arable land in

Thedingworth, from the Feast of St. Barnabas 1540 to the end of the said term, at the rent of £14. (*Ibid, no.* 186.)

(3) Indenture dated 3 May 30 Henry VIII., between John Abbot of the said Monastery and the convent of the one part, and Edward Saunders of Sibbertoft, co. Northants of the other part, whereby the said Abbot and Convent in consideration of £20. paid to them by said Edward Saunders, demised to said Edward Saunders the tithe barn of the Rectory of Thedingworth with tithes of corn, grass, hay and flax in the fields of Thedingworth and Outhorp, and with the manse and all other buildings of the said Rectory, with 2 tofts a croft and a virgate and a quarter of arable land in Thedyngworth, from the Feast of St. Barnabas 1561 for the term of 61 years, at the annual rent of £14; and as to the lands &c. in Outhorp from the Feast of St. Barnabas next for 82 years at the yearly rent of 8d. (*Ibid, no.* 178.)

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher read the following paper on

DEAN SWIFT'S MOTHER.

The celebrated Dean of St. Patrick's was, it is well known, the son of Jonathan Swift and Abigail Erick of Leicestershire. Many efforts have been made to discover who this Abigail Erick was, and whether she was related to the Leicester and Beaumanor family of Heyrick, but without any definite result. Nichols, in his *Gartree Hundred*, p. 620, says: "Much pains have been taken to discover whose daughter this Abigail was. All the parish registers in Leicester, and the wills in the Archdeaconry Court, and in the Prebendal Court of St. Margaret in Leicester, have been accurately searched in vain." And he goes on to suggest that she was probably not nearly related to the Beaumanor Heyricks, because the members of that family then residing in Leicester did not acknowledge the relationship, and besides they spelt the surname with an *H*. Nichols thinks she was probably descended from Nicholas Eyrick, of Houghton, who was Mayor of Leicester in 1552.

A recent search through various Leicestershire Parish Registers, with a view to elucidate the early genealogy of the Herricks has convinced me that Nichols was wrong in his suggestion, and has I think brought to light the parentage of Abigail Erick.

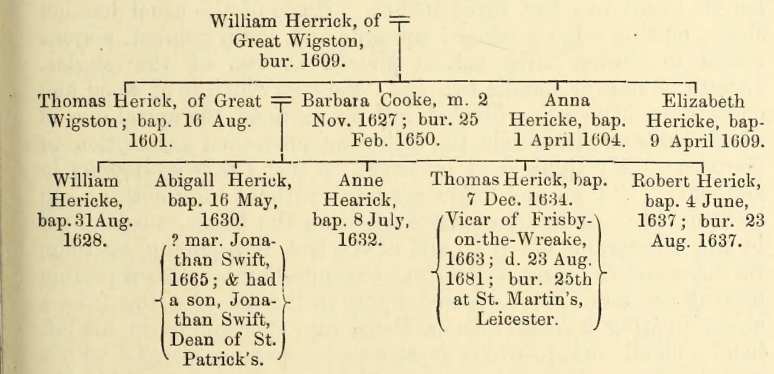
I find, in the Great Wigston Register, an entry of the baptism of Abigall, daughter of Thomas Herick, on the 16th of May, 1630; and this Abigall Herick was (it seems to me) in all probability the mother of Dean Swift. Other entries in the same Register, show that Thomas Herick, the father of Abigall, married Barbara Cooke on the 2nd Nov. 1627, and that he had five children, and was a "bucher."

Abigail Erick was married to Jonathan Swift in 1665, and he died in April 1667, leaving a young daughter, and his wife pregnant of a son, who was born 30 Nov. 1667, and became the celebrated satirist and Dean of St. Patrick's. Mrs. Abigail Swift died 24 April, 1710, and was buried 27th at St. Martin's, Leicester.* Nichols, *ubi supra*, gives many details about her life in Leicester. One of her brothers was the Rev. Thomas Errick, Vicar of Frisby-on-the Wreake, 1663, who died 23 August, 1681, and was buried 25th at St. Martin's in Leicester.

There is no proof that the Wigston Hericks were related to the Beaumanor family. If they were, the connection must have been at a very early date, for the Parish Registers show that there were Herickes at Wigston in 1574, and in the Leicester Probate Court there are Wills of Hericks of Wigston so early as 1532. The probability is however that both families came from the same stock originally.

Although it is true that Abigail Erick is not mentioned in any Will remaining in the Leicester Probate Court; yet she is named in the Will of Anne Herricke, of Wigston Magna, dated 1 March, 1651, and proved P.C.C. 28 May, 1652. By this Will a legacy of 5s. is left to Abigail Herricke. I have not come across the name of Abigail Erick in any other Leicestershire Register.

The following sketch Pedigree shows her parentage more clearly:—



The name is spelt indifferently Herick, Hearick, Hericke, Hearicke, Heyrick, and Herrick, in the Great Wigston Register, but always with an *H*.

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* The St. Martin's Register, gives her age as 70 at her burial. This may be a mistake for 80. But, if 70 be correct, Abigail Swift must have been born in 1640, and could not be the Abigall Herick baptized at Wigston in 1630.

May 18th, 1885.

Mr. F. W. Ordish in the chair.

A letter from John Hunt, Esq., of Thurnby, thanking the Society for their letter of condolence on the death of the late Dr. J. Hunt, was read.

Mr. S. Knight was elected a member of the Committee in the place of F. T. Mott, Esq., resigned.

It was unanimously resolved that the Annual Summer Excursion should take place about the end of June, and that Lichfield should be the city visited this year, and the standing Sub-committee were directed to carry out the necessary arrangements.

The intended demolition of Westcotes was then referred to by several members, and very strong hopes were expressed that the town would purchase the building for a public library.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By Mr. S. Knight: Bronze Medal by Gayrard. Obverse of medal: bust of Charles Ferdinand Duke de Berry, second son of the Count of Artois (afterwards Charles X. of France); Reverse: Caroline Ferdinande Louise Duchess de Berry, eldest daughter of Francis, afterwards King of the Two Sicilies.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: German Civic Axe; entire length about two feet three inches. Blade of the usual hatchet shape, cutting edge produced upwards and sharp pointed, pierced trefoil in centre, three pellets pierced at two of the angles. Length of haft or handle two feet: the core which is of wood and encased in bone being divided into six sections, the apical one of which bears on either side the following proverbial inscription in German: "My light shall be sweet, so that I may go happily in and out;" "I go and follow my fate; without work nothing can be achieved." A figure of our Saviour on the Cross, surmounted by the monograms I.N.R.I., and at the foot, in a praying attitude, St. John and St. Mary, beneath an expanded flower. Basal portion bearing the date 1705, engraved figure in the act of rising from a chair, wearing a loose robe, a Papal cap, and holding in his left hand a small staff, to which is attached a pennon charged with a cross; a figure on horseback apparelled in regal vestments, bearing a truncheon or baton as an insignia of authority in his right hand; the horse caparisoned with plumes. The four intermediate compartments represent rudely executed engravings of our Saviour as pastor or the Good Shepherd, and various Saints, St. Philip, St. Simon, St. Thadeus, St. Blomen, and others. A large example, bearing date 1666, alike in shape but differing in design, I had the pleasure of exhibiting before a meeting of this Society on November 28th, 1881.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Excursion for 1885, was made to Lichfield, on Friday, the 26th of June, when a fair number of the members and their friends went thither by the 10.15 a.m. train. On arriving at Lichfield the party visited St. Chad's Church, where they inspected the repairs at present going on, and thence proceeded to the George Hotel, where an excellent luncheon was provided. After luncheon the members went to the Cathedral, where they were met by the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, who kindly went round the building and minutely pointed out the chief objects of interest. Lichfield is one of the most beautiful of the English Cathedrals; for its perfect symmetry of proportion and general effect it is second to none. There was originally an apsidal structure covering the space of the choir, which perhaps was part of Sir Roger de Clinton's Cathedral, in 1128. The present choir is Early English, and was erected about 1185-1200. Its mouldings and capitals (some on the north side of an unique horse-shoe pattern) are singularly effective. The north and south aisles, and the Prebendaries' vestry (now used as a Consistory Court) are of the same date. The transepts were built during the early part of the thirteenth century. Then followed the chapter house, about 1240; with the room, now used as a library, above it. It was upon this building that the great spire fell, when battered down by the Parliamentary forces during the Civil Wars. The nave was erected about 1260-1270, and the west front about twenty years later. The elegant Lady Chapel was built by Bishop Walter de Langton about 1300, and in completing this work he destroyed the eastern portion of the Presbytery of the Norman Church. He died in 1321, and was buried in the Lady Chapel. His effigy still remains. During the Civil Wars the Cathedral suffered much from the sieges, the Parliamentarians destroying much of the sculpture and battering down the central spire. After the Restoration, Bishop Hackett rebuilt the spire, and inserted some Perpendicular windows in the Lady Chapel, and placed six bells and a new organ in the Church. He died in 1670. Some alterations were made in the last century by Wyatt; but about 1856 Sir Gilbert Scott commenced those alterations which have restored the Cathedral to something of its former aspect. The choir and presbytery have been thrown open to their aisles, the altar screen re-erected, the statues replaced in their niches in the choir, the old stalls replaced by new ones, and the whitewash removed from the walls and pillars. The beautiful iron and brass choir screen, the work of Skidmore, was much admired; as also the new pulpit, and Chantrey's group of the sleeping children. The niches in the west front, until lately empty, are now filled with statues of

Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, Fathers of the Church, Bishops, and Saints; the general effect of the front being admirable. In the library were noticed St. Chad's Gospel (an Irish MS. of about 720), an illuminated Chaucer MS., a MS. volume of arms of Knights of the Garter from Edward III. to Elizabeth, Sir George Rypley's Mary of Alchymy, 1476, a Paris MS. of the Hours, and a copy of Cranmer's Bible, 1540. Leaving the Cathedral, most of the party returned to Leicester by the 4.37 train; some, however, remained until the 7.19 train, and attended evening service at the Cathedral. They also (under the guidance of the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson) inspected the remains of the Grey Friars, the present house being probably part of the old refectory, and some old buttresses and incised slabs still remaining; and the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, which was founded in 1495 by William Smith, Bishop of Lichfield, and founder of Brasenose College, Oxford. Dr. Johnson's house and statue, in the Market Place, were also seen, and the spot where Lord Brooke was slain by Dyott in 1643, and Mr. Bridgeman's sculpture works, where much of the new Cathedral work, including nearly all the new statues which adorn the western front, was executed. The day was all that could be desired, and the excursion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it.

July 27th, 1885.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

Letters of thanks for copies of the Society's "Transactions" from the Society of Antiquaries, London, and the Antiquarian Society, Cambridge, were read.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society: Harry Rowland Harding, Esq., of Kirby Muxloe; and the Rev. Edmund Arbuthnot Knox, of the Rectory, Kibworth.

Resolved:—"That steps be taken to complete, and if cost permits to publish, Mr. Hall's drawing of the Roman Pavement in Jewrywall Street, in the next volume of the Society's 'Transactions.'"

The following objects of interest were then exhibited:—

By Mr. S. Knight: Eighteenth century horn snuff box, with a carved medallion of Queen Anne on the lid.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: Ivory plaque, $6\frac{3}{4}$in. by $3\frac{3}{4}$in., early seventeenth century. Mr. Weatherhead describes it as follows:—Small as is this plaque, it contains some thirty-eight figures. The subject represents the first interview of Prince Charles (afterwards Charles I.) with Henrietta Maria (afterwards

his Queen), third daughter of Henry IV. and Maria de Medicis, at a bal masque in Paris. The accessories are minutely and cleverly portrayed, the guests making their "révérence" preparatory to the commencement of the dance; the spectators in the gallery, the orchestra, the full-length portrait of royalty which graces the wall, even to the wainscoting and chandeliers. The *pose* of the principal royal guests, larger and more elaborately carved, and who occupy the most prominent position in the foreground, is graceful; the Prince seated to the right of the Princess, holding in his left hand a mask, and his right hand placed in that of the left of the Princess, from which has fallen listlessly her fan; the Princess seated in a chair of state, and slightly inclining forward, and holding a mask in her right hand. They are apparently deeply absorbed in a pleasant *tête á tête* upon some matter momentous and important. As an example of ivory carving for minuteness of detail it is exceedingly clever and skilful. Colour tints have been employed, but whether treated thus originally may possibly admit of a doubt.

By Mr. F. W. Ordish: A rubbing from a brass in St. Alban's Abbey, concerning which Mr. Ordish made the following observations:—The self-imposed interest of superintending the execution of the brass designed for Thomas North's memorial to be erected in the Church of St. Martin, has elicited an inspection of the accompanying rubbing from the tomb of one of the abbots deposited in the abbey of the proto-martyr at St. Alban's, Hertford. It was taken by the Rev. Harvey some years ago, and by the kind permission of his son, J. D. Harvey, I am able to submit it for the inspection of the Leicestershire Archæological Society. It is alluded to in the Rev. C. Boutell's book of monumental brasses as being one of the two finest, if not the most magnificent work in the kingdom. Preserved in the Wheathamstead chantry, executed by a Flemish artist, having similarity of architectural detail to the cathedral of Cologne, commemorating with ecclesiastical zeal the thirtieth abbot, Thomas de la Mera, 1349-1396, under whom the great gateway of the abbey was built, who translated the rood loft from behind the altar of St. Haigh (or altar of reliques). Thomas built many of the abbey offices, and guest chambers, glazed the cloisters, and by licence from the king fortified and crenalated the abbey with stone and chalk, which was threatened with destruction by the insurrection from Tyler and Jack Straw; subsequently sent to Northumberland to govern Tynemouth; intimate with the Percy families, was engaged in many lawsuits in the impending disasters which followed, and at his funeral was "carried upstairs to church;" during his abbacy, 1356, John king of France was for some time a prisoner. The effigy of the abbot is designed in an attitude of grave repose draped in full canonicals on a richly decorated recess, bearing within his arms the crozier of the Lamb of God, and

treading under his feet the spirits of evil and distortion. The apex of the recess or niche would seem to portray the shrined St. Alban, incensed by the church, others bearing musical symbols. On the left hand of this the figure of St. Peter, on the right hand that of St. Paul. Immediately under these are ———————— and King David respectively. The lower portions represent the twelve apostles, and at the extreme corners the symbols of the Evangelists. The inscription is brief and significant. The slab is about eleven feet long and three feet wide, and I hope of sufficient interest to be preserved as a souvenir of the olden time. Mr. Ordish also exhibited a photograph of the rubbing, and the Committee resolved to purchase a copy for the Society.

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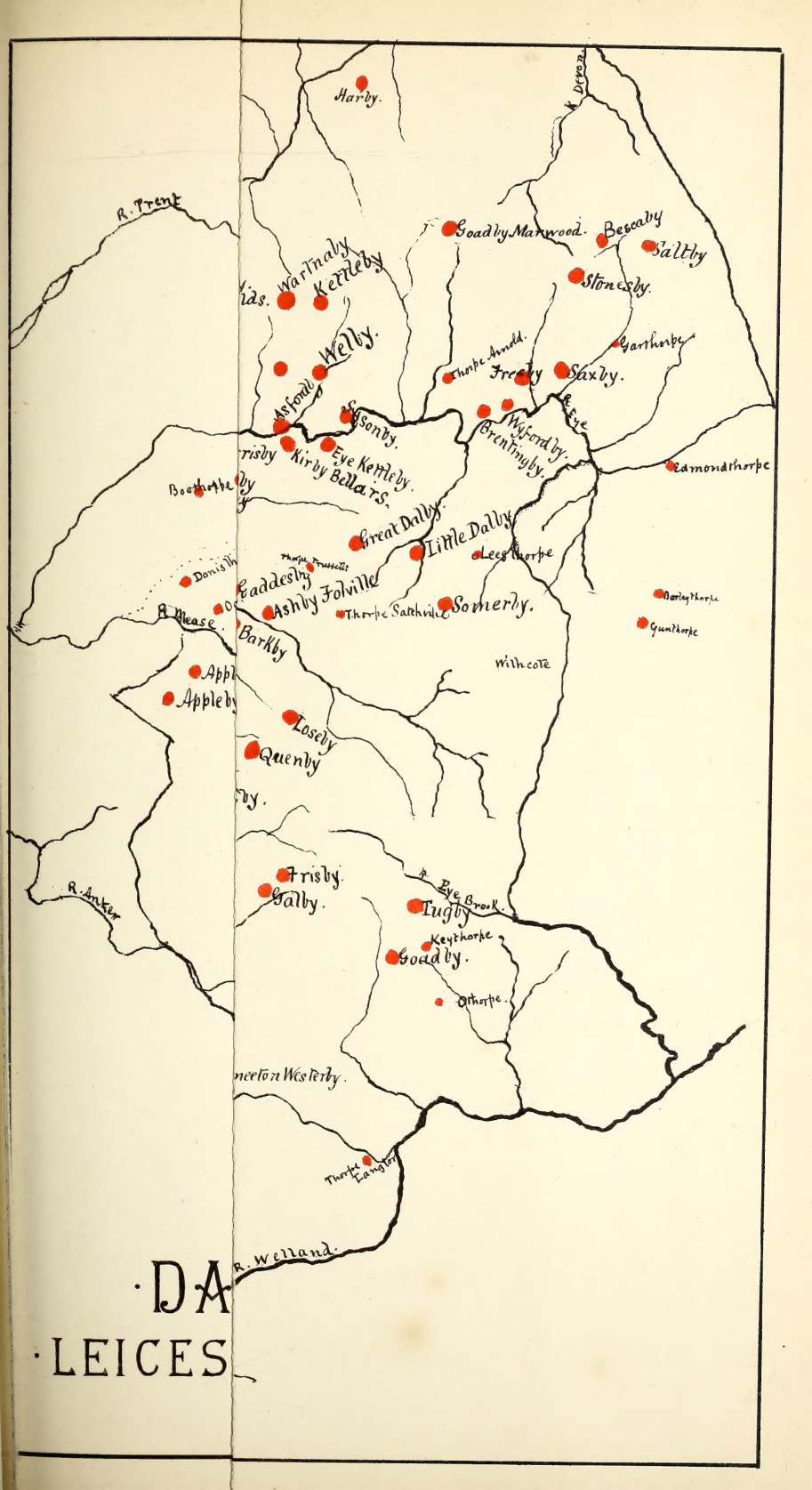
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Little Dalby
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Thorpe Trussett
Gaddesby
Ashby Folville
Thorpe Satchville
Somerby.
Barleythorpe
Gunthorpe
R. Mease.
Barkby
Withcote
Appleby
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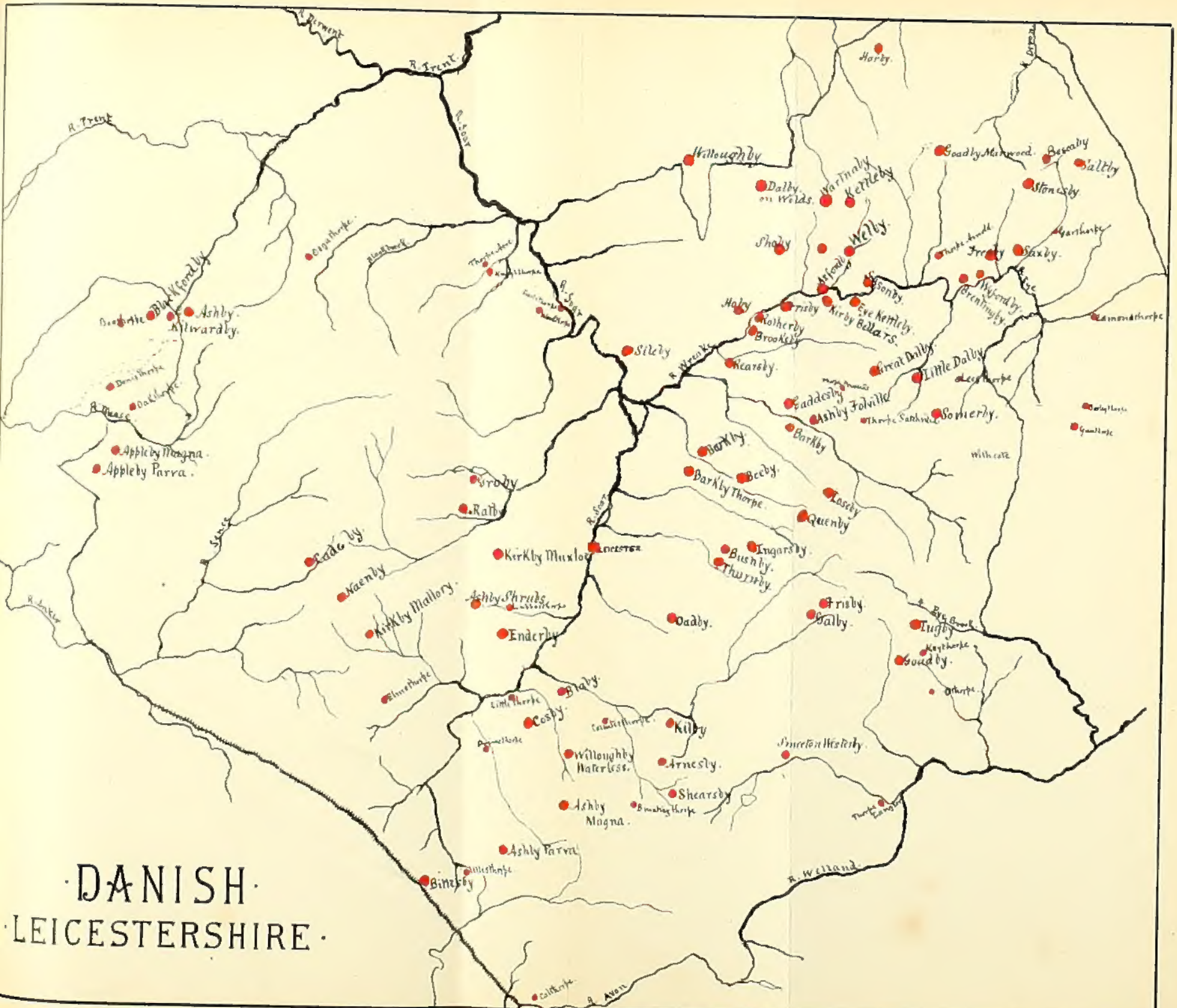
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Stonesby
Shoby
Welby
Frisby
Staxby
Garthorpe
Asfordby
Sysonby
Nowserby
Brentingby
Eye Kettleby
Kirby Bellars
Holwell
Frisby
Kotherby
Brooksby
Sileby
Rearsby
Great Dalby
Little Dalby
Saddesby
Ashby Folville
Somerby
Barkby
Barkby Thorpe
Beeby
Loseby
Queniby
Ingarsby
Buisnby
Thurnby
Frisby
Galby
Tugby
Goadby
Oadby
Kirkby Muxloe
Leicester
Ratby
Groby
Braunstone
Blaby
Cosby
Kilby
Willoughby Waterless
Arnesby
Shearsby
Ashby Magna
Ashby Parva
Bittesby
Enderby
Kirkby Mallory
Ashby Shrubs
Newnby
Peckby
Applebly Magna
Appleby Parva
Ashby
Kilwardby
Blackfordby
Desford
Oakthorpe
Donisthorpe
Swinford
Thurlaston
Sutton Westerby
Lutterworth
Claybrooke
Misterton
Peatling
Withcote
Gumley
Laundonthorpe
Lubbesthorpe
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of Lincoln. Under cover of their five Burghs of Leicester, Lincoln, Stamford, Derby and Nottingham, they established themselves firmly, at least as far as Watling Street. Leicestershire being an outlying district towards the east boundary of the Danelagh, we should not expect to find in it such marked traces of Danish names as in the parts nearer the coast. Including the generally accepted Danish terminations, -by, -thorpe, -thwaite, -wick, -toft, -beck, -dale, there are in Leicester 87, in Lincoln 297, in Yorkshire 405; of these -by is well-known to be the most frequent. It is derived from the Icelandic root *bua*, to dwell, appears in the English bye-law, is traced to an Aryan root *bhu*, to grow, from whence proceed be, build and other cognate words. "By," and "bö," another form of it, have the meaning of village in Denmark, Norway and Sweden at the present day. In Iceland, the same word in its altered form of bœr indicates a farm. Possibly, therefore, the termination -by may originally have marked a dwelling-house, the original home of a single family, round which the village was formed. There are more than 60 villages ending in -by in Leicestershire, over 200 in Lincolnshire, and about 270 in Yorkshire. Leicester being in area less than one-third of Lincoln and one-seventh of Yorkshire, is not proportionately behind either of these counties in this feature. These villages are most numerous in the basin of the Wreake, in the hundred of East Goscote. The names, exclusively Danish, form one-sixth, *i.e.* about 16 per cent. of all the place-names in the county. There are others too, which, if not altogether Danish, seem certainly to have an admixture of this element. This result tends to show that the Danish immigration was not like that of the earlier Teutons, a war of extermination leaving no place for the dispossessed Celts, but was more like a conquest or supremacy of a more powerful kindred tribe establishing itself amidst and becoming fused with the people of the country.

Mr. Freeman divides the Danish influence upon England into three periods: first, the period of plunder (789-885); second, of settlement (855-897); third, of political conquest (897-1016). It is to the middle period that we must refer the origin of the names we are considering.

The fusion of the Angle and the Dane was not a difficult matter when once the fury of the struggle was spent, for they were sprung from the same stock, they spoke a kindred language, and had adopted many similar social customs. But when he first landed on these shores, the Dane was a fierce heathen, and this perhaps gave him an advantage over the English. The conversion to Christianity at first seems to have tended to enervate the Teutonic tribes. The Romish ecclesiastical system was of too despotic a type, did not foster the spirit of individual freedom and self-dependence, and so may in some measure be responsible for

the unsuccessful resistance they made against these ruthless Vikings. The old heathen worship was revived, and altars were again raised to Thor and Odin. Are there any traces of this reaction preserved in the names of these settlements? If we cannot trace Thor among the -bys, he seems only half concealed in our Thurcaston, Thurlaston and Thurmaston; and even if we suppose that these places were named after mortals named after these deities, the myth has still left its traces.

In Goadby, we may perhaps find Gautr, a poetical synonym for Odin, and signifying father, a common name among the northmen. *Vili*, sometimes in Norse mythology identified with Odin, may be preserved in Willoughby.

The name Ketil, common among the Danes, has some religious associations. It refers to the strange belief that Thor had seized a huge cauldron from the giant Hymir, that the gods might have a vessel large enough in which to brew their beer. Hence Kettleby; Thurcaston: in Domesday Book=Turchetel-stone.

Askr is another personal name that is mixed up with Norse mythology. The first man *Askr* was created by the gods out of the ash-tree. We may compare in passing Hesiod's account that Zeus created the third or brazen race out of ash-trees. Iggdrasil, the world-tree which spread itself through all the earth and into both upper and lower worlds, was an ash. This tree was much reverenced by the Norseman. To protect his ground from evil influence, he planted this around his dwelling as naturally as the Roman set up his sickle-bearing image of Priapus. Either the personal name or the tree has given rise to our numerous Ashbys.

Asfordby seems to suggest the name Asvard, *i.e.* holy guardian, unless the Domesday Book form Offerdebie forbids it.

Wyfordby may contain Vé, sanctuary, which occurs in many Scandinavian places, Vibory, Vilund, &c. In passing, too, we may note that Launde is probably the Normanised form of Lund, the sacred grove, which appears also in Lount wood, corresponding to Lundr in Iceland, and Lund in Sweden.

Amongst the Danish chieftains whose heroic deeds were handed down in story was Inguar, one of the sons of Ragnar Lodbrok, king of Denmark, who in company with his brother Hubba headed an expedition against the Northumbrian coast. This name appears in Ingarsby. Some are inclined to trace it also in the neighbouring name of Hungerton, connecting Hunger with Inguar. It has been noted as a curious coincidence that there is a Hunger Hill close to a Humberstone in Lincolnshire, a Humberstone Gorse close to Hungerton near Grantham, and for a third time we have Hungarton, Humberstone, and Ingarsby in close neighbourhood in Leicestershire.

In Frisby and Saxby we can trace the comrades of other tribes who gained their reward for help in the enterprise of the North-

men. Among names which recall more especially the seafaring life of the Vikings, the most characteristic is Somerby, or Somerledebi as the Domesday Book has it. Sumarlidi means summer-farer. It is used in the Saxon Chronicle almost as synonymous with Viking. As soon as the winter was over, they began their raids, and throughout the summer spread themselves over the neighbouring seas, making their harvest of plunder. So regular were their voyages in one direction that the west became a synonym for Britain. So the westward farer, westerlidi, was another equivalent for Viking, and in Smeeton Westerby there is perhaps the record of one of these raiders.

As we have found traces of the Dane's heathen belief, so we can also find record of his change of faith. The numerous Kirbys or Kirkbys, four in Leicester and six in Lincolnshire, besides the interest of their Danish origin probably record the existence of mother churches at a time when churches were much rarer than in later times. It is the exception when Domesday Book mentions a church in connection with a village.

Turning next to political names, we have another reference to the Danelagh in Wapentake so commonly applied in Domesday Book to the divisions of the county. When a new chief of each division was appointed, the vapna-tak, or weapon-touching, was the sign of fealty at the assembly of the notables of the district. [The fact that Gartree is thrice applied to the hundred division in Lincolnshire, once in Leicester, and appears also as a place-name in Yorkshire, would seem to suggest a Danish origin. Geiri means a triangular piece of ground, so that it might mean a triangular clump of trees forming a conspicuous land-mark in the district. Gare is still used in Lincolnshire for a triangular piece of ground that has to be ploughed differently from the rest].

When so many place-names are derived from personal names and these in their turn are often taken from animals, it is difficult to say whether we have any real records of animal life; whether in Harby, Brooksby, Rearsby, Barsby, and Arnesby, we can trace the hare, the badger (brokr), the fox (refr), the bear, and the eagle, or whether they refer to heroes who resembled these animals in swiftness, cunning, strength or other qualities.

With reference to vegetable life, the Ashbys have already been mentioned. To them we can add Appleby, and perhaps Thurnby, and Barkby.

Of names which refer to the natural features of the county, the three Dalbys are obvious examples. Dal-by, or village in the Dale, does not seem quite applicable to the situation of all these villages, especially as one is known more familiarly as Dalby-on-the-Wolds. Is it possible that here, as often, the most obvious is not the right derivation, and that we may trace in this name the dael, dole, or share of land parcelled out as the reward of some chieftain?

Ratby has one Domesday Book form Rodebie, resembling the Danish Rödby which Professor Worsae refers to rydde—to clear away. It would then mean the dwelling in the forest-clearing, a description which would be very appropriate to the situation of Ratby. Other suggestions are a reference either to the *red* colour of the soil, or to the Roman road running near.

The following complete list of place-names ending in -by, seventy-two in number, will show that in the above remarks on their origin the subject has been by no means exhausted.

Ab-Kettleby.
Appleby Parva.
Appleby Magna.
Arnesby.
Asfordby.
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
Ashby Folville.
Ashby Magna.
Ashby Parva.
Ashby Scrubs (near Kirby Muxloe).
Barkby.
Barkby Thorpe.
Barkby Holt.
Barsby.
Beeby.
Bescaby.
Bittesby.
Blaby.
Brentingby.
Brooksby.
Bushby.
Blackfordby.
Cadeby.
Cosby.
Dalby Magna.
Dalby Parva.
Old Dalby.
Enderby.
Eye-Kettleby.
Freeby.
Frisby.
Old Frisby.
Gaddesby.
Galby.
Groby.
Goadby.
Goadby Marwood.
Harby.
Hoby.
Ingarsby.
Kilby.
Kilwardby.
Kirkby Mallory.
Kirby Bellars.
Kirby Frith.
Kirby Muxloe.
Lowesby.
Naenby.
Oadby.
Quenby.
Ratby.
Rotherby.
Rearsby.
Saxby.
Saxelby.
Saltby.
Shearsby.
Shoby.
Sileby.
Somerby.
Stonesby.
Sysonby.
Thurnby.
Tugby.
Wartnaby.
Welby.
Willoughby Gorse.
Willoughby Waterless.
Wyfordby.
(Smeeton) Westerby
Witherley.

September 28th, 1885.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The Chairman alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Society had recently sustained in the sudden death of the late Frederick Webster Ordish, Esq., and moved that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow. The resolution was seconded by Col. Bellairs, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ordish was one of the oldest members of the Society, having been elected on the 9th of September, 1856. The last work on which he was engaged was the beautiful design of a memorial brass, recently erected to the memory of the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., in St. Martin's Church, by this Society, Mr. Ordish having gratuitously offered his services in the matter.

Certain bills for printing "Transactions," &c., and the cost of the memorial brass, amounting to £76 15s. 3d., were ordered to be paid. The Secretaries were also directed to have the magazines belonging to the Society bound.

The following objects of interest were then exhibited:

By the Rev. W. R. Mangan: Prayer Book, "Imprinted at London by Robert Barker, 1633;" it contains the Act of Uniformity; the Epistles and Gospels are not taken from the authorized version, though the New Testament is bound up with it; "printed at Edinburgh by the printers to the King's most Excellent Majestie, 1633." It has further "The whole book of Psalmes, printed for the Company of Stationers, 1635," which are prefaced by a "Treatise made by Athanasius the Great, concerning the use and vertue of the Psalmes," to which is added hymns for special occasions with several private prayers.—A Prayer Book, no title page, perhaps published (as title page of the Psalms state) in 1640.—A Bible, published at Cambridge, 1657, with it is bound up the Psalms printed at the same time and place.

By Mr. Ward, of Burton Overy: A silver cup and cover. The cup, a plain shallow silver bowl, three inches diameter and one inch deep, the original stem and foot of which appear to have been lost, and replaced by a tripod stand on a ring made of silver wire. The cover of a double dome shape, about two inches high, the edges of which were ornamented with elegant repoussé work. The original ornament of the top was replaced by an inferior modern ornament, consisting of what seemed intended for a female figure holding a shield and spear, the latter much bent. The cup in its original state was probably about six inches in height, and might have been a salt cellar. The silver marks indicate the date 1614.

By the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher: "A Genealogical Register of the name and family of Herrick, from the settlement of Henerie Herrick, in Salem, Massachusetts, 1629-1846, with a notice of their English ancestry; by Gen. Jedediah Herrick. Revised, augmented, and brought down to A.D. 1885, by Lucius C. Herrick, M.D. Columbus, Ohio, privately printed, 1885." This book, of which the foregoing is a copy of the title page, contains an account of no less than 9282 known descendants of Henry Herrick, fifth son of Sir William Heyrick, Knight, of Beaumanor. It also has a very full notice of the Beaumanor family, and of various other families of the name. It is curious that whilst the Leicestershire family is extinct in the male line, the American family should be so numerous.

By Mr. J. E. Weatherhead: Carved ivory plaque, $6\frac{3}{4}$ by 4 inches, seventeenth century—whether of Italian, Flemish, or French workmanship, I am not prepared to state. It contains some twenty figures, and represents one of the Parliamentary incidents in the time of Cromwell. The president or speaker (hat on) is seated on a raised dais, in front of the table (upon which rests the mace), and at the head of which are seated two important personages, probably dignitaries of the Church or law; and on either side of the table are the members (heads covered) seated on long open wooden benches. Cromwell, at the lower end of the table, upstanding, head bared, with sword slung at his side, and equipped in the old jack-boots of the period, holding in his right hand a scroll, his left arm extended, and as if pointing to the two dignitaries, is with his accustomed intrepidity and emphatic manner addressing the assembly, who by the expression of their countenances, evidently betray that the speaker has succeeded in riveting their earnest attention. The figures, which are colour-tinted, are minutely and carefully executed.

November 30th, 1885.

The Venerable Archdeacon Pownall, F.S.A., in the chair.

A letter was read from Mrs. Ordish in answer to the letter of condolence sent to her on the death of her husband.

The Rev. P. Stocks exhibited plans for alterations, &c., of the church of Great Bowden, showing the church as at present arranged with the old square pews, and also plan showing the same pews as proposed to be altered into open seats, and for restoration of the church, so as to be better adapted for modern requirements. The plans were much admired and approved of,

especially for the care taken for the preservation of all the ancient features of the fabric.

Mr. W. J. Freer reported the discovery of a piece of Roman tesselated pavement in Blackfriars Street, not far from the piece in Jewrywall Street. He had been promised a plan of it, which he hoped to be able to exhibit at the next meeting.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Chairman (for Mr. Young): A circular brass weight, of the thirteenth century, of the city of Toulouse (France), weighing thirteen ounces three-quarters, having on one side the representation of a castle, flanked by two round towers, with the inscription in Lombardic character, + livra. *(libra)* de. tolosa. On the other side appears the façade of a large church, may be the cathedral, which consists of three round arches, that in the centre higher than the other two, above them is a lofty dome, with a lower one on either side. There are also letters of an inscription to which no meaning has been assigned.

By the Rev. C. Henton Wood, on behalf of Dr. Higgins, Superintendent of the County Lunatic Asylum: A bronze fibula, found in the garden there. It has a pin complete, the base of which has been twisted in a spiral manner apparently intended to form a spring. It is $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches long and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide at the broad end. The general shape is that of a bow.

By Mr. Frederick Morley, on behalf of Mr. Peach: Three silver coins, viz.: 1. Ten-shilling piece, in silver, of Charles I. Obverse: King on horseback, with plume of feathers, in the field. carolvs. d.g. mag.brit.fr.et.hib.rex. Rev.: Three plumes and label across the field, relig.prot.leg.ang.liber.par. 1642. Legend, exvrgat.devs.dissipentvr.inimici. 2. Five-shilling piece, in silver, of Charles I. Obv.: Mint mark, an eye, king on horseback, &c., &c. Rev.: Oval shield with Royal Arms, and the legend christo.avspice.regno. 3. Five-shilling piece of the Commonwealth. Obv.: Shield, bearing St. George's Cross, surrounded by wreath, and the legend the commonwealth.of.england. Mint mark, "sun." Rev.: The numeral V surmounting two shields, bearing respectively St. George's Cross and the Irish Harp. Above the date, 1650, and the legend, god with vs.

By Mr. Frederick Morley: A very fine specimen of the goldsmiths' art of the early part of the eighteenth century, a Gold Seal, with plain cornelian stone not engraved, which formerly belonged to William Pochin, Esq., of Barkby, county of Leicester, date about 1775. It was of an oval shape about an inch and a quarter high, with loop at top connected with the seal by a stem. Four stags, beautifully modelled, with heads raised appeared grazing at the upper part of the stem, their horns resting on the back.

By Mr. S. Knight: A Guinea of George II., found at Knighton, date 1834.

By Mr. Hartopp: Three Old Deeds, one a Probate of a Will of 1677, a lease of Tithes date 1742, and a deed of conveyance of 1696; also a small specimen of tesselated pavement of black and white tesseræ, said to have been discovered on the site of Leicester Abbey.

The Rev. J. S. Watson, of Cotesbach, then read a paper:—

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"Summa Angelica."—A Dictionary or Cyclopædia of Cases of Conscience and Church Law—by Friar Angelo Clavasio. Editio Princeps printed (by request) at Venice, 1487, by Nic. de Frankfort.

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Pedigree of Chester of Blaby.

William Chester, of Chipping Barnet, Herts, yeoman. Will dated 16 Jan., proved in C.P.C. 28 Feb. 1565-6. = Mawde, buried at Chipping Barnet before 1565.

Robert Chester, 1st son,

1st wife. = Leonard Chester, of Blaby, co. Leic. yeoman, & of Chipping Barnet. 2nd son, died 8 Aug. 1615. Inq. p.m. = 2nd wife, Bridget, dau. & coh. of John Sharp, of Frisby, co. Leic.

= 3rd wife, Jane Welle, dau. of Nicholas Savile, of Blaby, married 12 June 1606, buried 29 Oct. 1608.

Augustine Chester, of Blaby, Gent. son & heir, aged 30 and upwards in 1616; married 14 June 1626. = Phebe, dau of John Michell, of Blaby, married 24 Oct. 1598, buried 5 June 1626.

Anne Chester, wife in 1619 of Robert Sharp, of Frisby, co. Leic.

Alice Chester, wife in 1619 of Richard Sharp, of Frisby.

John Chester, of Blaby, gent. 2nd son, heir of his mother, died 1628. Will dated 28 July & proved at Leicester 15 Oct. 1628. = Dorothy, dau. of Thomas Hooker, of co. Leic. widow 1637.

William Chester, 3rd son, living beyond sea 1619.

Sampson Chester, 4th son, citizen and merchant taylor of London, 3 July 1615, married 26 Nov. 1617,* dead 1627. = Frances, dau. of Ralph Tough, of Barrow, co. Leic. = 2nd husb. Thomas Smith, married 25 Feb. 1627-8.†

George Chester 5th son, bapt. Oct. 1594, living 1628.

Charles Chester, of Blaby, yeoman, son & heir, bapt. 3 Feb. 1599, died 5 June 1641.

Rachell Chester, bapt. 16 Sept. 1604, married in 1627 Thomas Preist, of Grandborow, co. Warw.

Clement Chester, of Blaby, labourer, bapt. 16 June 1602, buried 8 June 1626. = Alice Brickwood, married 26 Sept. 1624.

John Chester, bapt. 3 Oct. 1608, living 1626.

Leonard Chester, bapt. 16 July 1610, buried 4 Feb. 1615-6.

Anne Chester, bapt. 4 Sept. 1614, buried 8 June 1626.

Leonard Chester, bapt. 14 Dec. 1617, buried 5 June 1626.

William Chester, born after 1619, buried 6 June 1626.

Leonard Chester, son & heir, bapt. 15 July 1610; emigrated to New England, died 11 Dec. 1649, M.I. at Wethersfield, U. S. A. = Mary Wade, remarried Richard Russell, of Charlestown, died 30 Nov. 1688.

Elizabeth, bapt. 6 Feb. 1624, died young.

Margaret Chester Chester, bapt. 28 Oct. 1618* — Joanna Chester, bapt. 21 Jan. 1619-20.*

Rev. John Chester, of Southwark, clerk, bapt. 23 May 1621.† =

Abigail Chester, bapt. 5 Nov. 1623;† died unm.; bur. 8 Sept. 1636.†

Charles Chester, of Blaby, yeoman, son & heir, born 22 Feb. 1628-9, died 1700, aged 71. = Bridget, 1st wife buried 17 July 1698.

Jane Chester, bapt. 9 Aug. 1632. — Anne Chester, bapt 3 Aug. 1634.

Charles Chester, of Blaby, labourer, bapt. 30 April 1625, bur. 27 Oct. 1699. = 1st wife Dorothy.

John Chester, son & heir, of Wethersfield, U. S. A., born 3 Aug. 1635, died 23 Feb. 1697-8. = Sarah, dau. of Thos. Welles, sometime Govr. of Connecticut, died widow 12 Dec. 1698.

Six children.

The Chesters of Wethersfield, Conn. U. S. A.

Sampson Chester, appreniced in May 1660 to Richard Butler, Cit. and merchant taylor of London.

Charles Chester, of Blaby, yeoman, son & heir apparent, buried 10 Feb. 1677-8. Will dat. 4 July 1677, proved 1678. = Alice, widow, 1678.

Charles Chester, labourer, bapt. 14 Feb. 1664-5, died s. p.

William Chester, of Blaby, labourer, bapt. 9 June 1666, buried 23 Dec. 1723. Will dated 21 Jan. 1722-3, proved at Leicester 20 Dec. 1723. = Mary Hubbard, of Whetstone, co. Leicester, married 5 Nov. 1700, died widow. Will dat. 4 May 1734.

Sampson Chester, Apothecary of St. Mary Magdalene's, Bermondsey, and after his marriage of St. Anne's, Blackfriars. = Mary Cuer. of St. Olave's, Southwark, marre. licence dat. 11 Feb. 1715-16.

Sampson Chester, bapt. 6 Feb. 1725-6.*

Mary Chester, bapt. 3 March 1725-6.*

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CHESTER.

Camden's Vis. of Leic: 1619. *(From Harl. Soc., Vol. 2, p. 138.)*

Arms:—Ermine, on a chief sable a griffin passant with wings endorsed argent.

Willm's Chester de London et Barnett in Com' Hartf.

Rob'tus Chester first son.

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Leonard Chester de Blaby in Com' Leic. uxor. 3 Jana fil. Nic. Savill de Blaby in Com' Leic. sine p'le.

Brigetta fil. & coh. Joh'is Sharpe de Frisbie super le Reake in Com' Leic. ux. 2.

Augusten Chester de Blaby Duxit Febe fil. Joh'is Michell.

Carolus Chest' filius et hæres, ætat. 20.

Clem-ent fil. 2 ætat. 17.

Johan-nes 3 fil. ætat. 11.

Leonard 4 fil. ætat. 4.

Georgius 4 filius.

John Chester de Blaby in Com' Leyc. = Dorothea fil. Tho. Hooker de Com' Leic.

Leonardus Chester filius et hæres ætat. 10, 1619.

Will'mus 2 fil. nunc viuens in partibus transmar-inis.

Samson Chester 3 fil. Duxit Fran. fil. Radi Tuffe de Burrowe in Com' Leic.

Maria.

Anna uxor Rob'ti Sharpe de fresby sup' le Reak. — Alicia uxor Ric'i Sharpe fratris Rob'ti.

is mistaken in assuming that Leonard Chester of Blaby was the uncle of Sir Robert; for it is well ascertained that the first Sir Robert Chester was the son of John, and that he was born in 1510, so that if the two families really diverged from a common ancestor, it was in a generation before the recorded pedigree begins. Both families, however, were beyond all question of Hertfordshire origin, and I have little doubt that their ancestors were tenants and dependents of the great Abbey of St. Alban's,* of which Robert Chester was the Cellarer in the reign of Richard II.†

I.

William Chester of Chipping Barnet in Hertfordshire, the first recorded ancestor of the Chesters of Blaby, was a yeoman with a considerable freehold estate at Barnet, which he divided by his Will between his two sons Robert and Leonard. His wife Mawde died before him and was buried in Chipping Barnet Church, and if the directions in his Will were carried out, he was buried there beside her, when he died in February, 1565-6.

William Chester, Yeoman of Chipping Barnet, Herts.

Will dated 16 Jan. 1565-6.

To be buried in Chipping Barnet Church "as near unto my wife Mawde as may be." To my son Robert Chester the messuages called the Man, and the Rose and Crown, and also 12 acres at the back of the same, all which are now in my occupation in Chipping Barnet, and are situate between the messuages called respectively the Swan on the East and the Bull on the West side.

To my son Leonard Chester the Messuage called the Flower de Luce and other lands and messuages in Chipping Barnet, and also a silver goblet.

My son Leonard to be my executor, and Gamalion Pye to be supervisor of my Will.

Will proved in C.P.C. 28 Feb. 1565-6. [5 Crymes.]

William Chester had issue by his wife Mawde two sons.

I. Robert Chester, inherited a moiety of his father's lands at Chipping Barnet, and had issue an only daughter. According to other authorities, he had a son Robert, who left an only daughter: but it is clear that the male line of his descendants soon failed.

II. Leonard Chester, of whom presently.

II.

Leonard Chester, the second son of William Chester of Chipping Barnet, purchased a small estate consisting of two messuages five cottages and six and a half virgates of land in the parish of Blaby, a village four miles south of Leicester on the high road to

* *The Chesters of Chicheley*, by R. E. Chester Waters, vol. i., p. 2.
† Clutterbuck's *Hist. of Herts*, *Rickmansworth*.

Lutterworth. His estate extended into the neighbouring village of Countesthorpe and was held of the King as lord of the Honour of Leicester which is parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, in free and common socage, and not in *capite*, nor by military service. This holding was rated in the books of the Duchy as of the annual value of 40 shillings beyond all reprises.

Leonard married three wives and survived them all. His first wife, whose maiden name is not recorded, was the mother of his heir, but he had issue four sons and two daughters by his second wife Bridget, who was the daughter and co-heir of John Sharpe of Frisby in Leicestershire. He married thirdly at Blaby on 12 June 1606 Jane widow of Mr. Wolle and daughter of Nicholas Savile Gent. of Blaby. His third wife had no children and died in the third year after her marriage, for she was buried at Blaby on 29 Oct. 1608. Leonard died on 8 August 1615, and was buried on 16 August at Blaby. As he was a tenant of the Duchy of Lancaster an inquest was held after his death by the King's escheator at Leicester on 28 September 1615, when the jury found that he had died a widower on 8 August preceding and that his son and heir Augustin Chester was thirty years old and upwards at the time of his father's death.

LEONARD CHESTER OF BLABY CO. LEICESTER GENT.

Will dated 1 Dec. 1614.

My body to be buried in the Parish Church of Blaby near my wife Bridget, & I give to the repairs of that church 6s. 8d.

To my Son Sampson Chester 40s. a year during his life, to be paid out of my dwelling house & three tenements at Chipping Barnet Herts.

To my son George Chester 20s. a year during his life, out of the same house & tenements.

To my son Augustine Chester the said house and tenements at Chipping Barnet & also a dwelling house in that parish called the Flower de luce now occupied by John Franklin & also all other my lands & tenements at Chipping Barnet, to hold the same during his life; & after the death of the said Augustine Chester, his wife Phœbe Chester (if she survives him) is to have one third part of the said lands & tenements for her life in lieu of jointure or dower; remainder to Charles Chester the eldest son of the said Augustine and his heirs male; remainder to Clement Chester, John Chester & Leonard Chester the second third & fourth sons of the said Augustine and their respective heirs male successively; remainder to the said Augustine Chester & his right heirs for ever.

And whereas I have already assured to my son John Chester all my lands & tenements in Blaby & Countesthorpe in the County of Leicester upon his promise (though not expressed in writing) that he will be good to his bretheren Sampson & George Chester, & be as a father to them; I now desire & charge my said son John to pay £40 within two years after my death to each of my said sons Sampson and George Chester.

To every cottier in Blaby fourpence each.

To my son Augustine my second sute of apparel; to my son Sampson my best sute, & to my son George the rest of my apparel.

And whereas by re-grant of my son John I hold one half of a yard land in Blaby for a term of years not yet expired, I give the unexpired term to my son Augustine. My two sons Sampson & George Chester to be my Executors & residuary legatees, & Mr. William Yard of Cosby, to whom I give a legacy of 10s. to be overseer of my will.

My Executors are not to require payment from my son Augustine of his debt to me for five years from this date.

Will proved at Leicester 26 August 1615.

Leonard Chester had issue by his first wife

I. Augustin Chester his son and heir.

He had issue by his second wife Bridget Sharpe

II. John Chester ancestor of the Chesters of Wethersfield in New England, of whom in my next chapter.

III. William Chester was living beyond seas in 1619 but is mentioned in his father's will.

IV. Sampson Chester, the 3rd son of Leonard by his second wife Bridget Sharp, was brought up to trade, and was apprenticed for seven years on 13 October 1606 to John Gilbert of Holborn, merchant taylor of London. Sampson was admitted to the freedom of the Merchant Taylors' Company* on 3 July 1615, when he set up for himself in business in the parish of St. Anne's Blackfriars. He married at St. Anne's Church on 26 Nov. 1617 Frances daughter of Ralph Tough *alias* Tuffe of Barrow in Leicestershire, by whom he had issue four children. Sampson died before 1627, and his widow Frances married at St. Mary Magdalene's Bermondsey on 25 Feb. 1627-8 Thomas Smith of that parish. Sampson Chester left issue three daughters and a son, viz. :—

1. Margaret Chester, baptized at St. Anne's, Blackfriars, 28 Oct. 1618.
2. Johanna Chester, baptized at St. Anne's Blackfriars, 21 Jan. 1619-20.
3. Abigail Chester was baptized at St. Mary Magdalene's, Bermondsey, on 5 Nov. 1623, and dying unmarried in her 13th year was buried there on 8 Sept. 1636.
4. John Chester, the only son of Sampson by Frances Tough, was baptized at St. Mary Magdalene's, Bermondsey, on 23 May 1621, and is mentioned amongst the legatees in his uncle John's Will in 1628. He was a clergyman in holy orders, and is described as of Southwark, Clerk, in his son's indentures of apprenticeship.

Sampson Chester, son of Rev. John Chester of Southwark,

* Extracted from the books of the Merchant Taylors' Company, by G. E. Cockayne, Norroy King of Arms.

Clerk, was apprenticed for seven years in May 1669 to Richard Butler, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London.*

Sampson Chester, the son (I presume) of Sampson Chester, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, was an apothecary living in the parish of St Mary Magdelene, Bermondsey,† when he married by licence dated 11 Feb. 1715-16, Mary Cuer, spinster of St. Olave's, Southwark. This last Sampson resided after his marriage in the parish of St. Anne's, Blackfriars, where his great grandfather lived a hundred years before, for the baptisms of his two children are recorded in the Parish Register.

1723-4, Feb. 6, Sampson, son of Sampson and Mary Chester, baptized.

1725-6, March 3, Mary, daughter of the same, baptized.

V. George Chester, the 4th son of Leonard by his wife Bridget Sharpe, was baptized at Blaby on 18 October 1594, and was living in 1628 when his brother John made his Will.

I. Anne Chester the eldest daughter of Leonard by Bridget Sharpe, was the wife in 1619 of her cousin Robert Sharpe of Frisby in Leicestershire.

II. Alice Chester was in 1619 the wife of Richard Sharpe, the brother of her sister's husband.

III.

Augustine Chester, the son and heir of Leonard by his first wife, succeeded on his father's death in 1615 to the estate at Blaby and Countesthorpe. He must however have been older than the jurors supposed, when they said that he was thirty years old and upwards in 1615, because he married at Blaby on 24 October 1599 Phebe daughter of John Michell of Blaby. But this is easily explained, for it is notorious that when the heir was manifestly beyond the age of wardship, it was of no legal consequence how much he was older than 21. Augustine was reckoned amongst the minor gentry of Leicestershire, and claimed kindred with the Knightly family of Chester, who were the owners of Royston and Cockenhatch in Hertfordshire. These pretensions were admitted (and perhaps suggested) by one of the heralds, who drew up the pedigree, which has been already printed at page 177. But if this pedigree was ever presented to the heralds, who visited Leicestershire in 1619, it was never officially sanctioned, for it does not appear in the original Visitation in the Royal College of Arms.

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† It is possible that Sampson Chester, the apothecary, was the brother of James Chester, a parchment maker in Bermondsey Street, whose four children, Frances 1705, Anne 1706, James 1708, and Richard 1709, are mentioned in the Register of St. Mary Magdelene in Bermondsey.

Augustine's right therefore to bear the Arms of the Chesters of Royston was never allowed, although the heralds of that period were satisfied with scanty evidence of relationship in cases where their fees were paid, and it was proved beyond question in this case that the Chesters of Blaby came originally from Hertfordshire.

Nothing more is known about Augustine except that he and five members of his household were carried off by the plague in 1626.

In the beginning of the seventeenth century England was constantly subjected to visitations of plague, and the summer of 1626 was a fatal season for the little village of Blaby, for no less than eighty-three burials are recorded in the parish register of this year. Few families suffered more severely than the Chesters, for Augustine and his wife and four of their grown up children were all carried off within the space of three weeks. The mother was the first to die, and was buried on 24 May 1626. Her sons Leonard and William were buried on 5 June following, and were followed by their brother Clement and sister Anne, who were buried on 8 June. Augustine Chester, the bereft husband and father, lingered a week longer, and was buried on 14 June. He had probably been attacked by the disease before his wife died, for he made his Will whilst she was lying dead in the house. It was an informal document, and was in the shape of a request addressed to his son Charles, who took the estate under the grandfather's Will after his father's death, but as the law then stood such nuncupative Wills were valid so far as they affected personal estate.

Augustine Chester of Blaby, Gent.

Nuncupative Will, dated 22 May 1626.

The request of Augustine Chester to his son Charles.

First, that Clement Chester's house be for the provision of his children.

Secondly, that he would let a half yard land be for six years for the provision of his father's three younger children, and should let them have the use of it for the term.

Thirdly, that the manure in the yard be laid on the yard land for raising of a stock for Rachell Chester & John Chester, only this next crop.

As to his outward goods, John Chester his third son to have one part, & Rachell his daughter two parts thereof.

Charles his eldest son to have the table in the house & one standing bed-stick. Rachell to have two parts of the linnen, & Anne one part. His debts. £4 10 to Fisher & Downes of Bowden. 16/- or 18/- to Wallis' wife.

Letters of administration with the Will annexed were granted in the Court of the Archdeacon of Leicester on 18 October 1627 to Rachell Preist *als* Chester, wife of Thomas Preist of Grandborow, Warwickshire, daughter of the testator.

Augustine Chester had issue by his wife Phebe Michell 6 sons and 2 daughters.

I. Charles Chester, son and heir.

II. Clement Chester was baptized at Blaby, 16 June 1602, and is described as 17 years old in the visitation pedigree of 1619. He married at Blaby 26 Sept. 1624 Alice Brickwood, and had issue a son Charles. Clement Chester was only 24 years old, when he died of the plague a few days before his father, and was buried at Blaby on 8 June, 1626.

Charles Chester, son of Clement by Alice Brickwood, was baptized at Blaby 30 April 1625, and was therefore little more than 13 months old when his father died. His uncle Charles carried out the wish expressed in his father's Will, and confirmed to his nephew the cottage with three roods of land attached, which his grandfather had allowed his son Clement to occupy. But notwithstanding his possession of this small property, Charles received no education, and was all his life nothing more than a labourer, for he is so described both in the parish register of Blaby, and in his Will. He married twice, and by his first wife Dorothy had two sons. His second wife Alice survived him. He died at the age of 74, and was buried at Blaby, 27 Oct. 1699.

Charles Chester the Elder of Blaby Labourer.

Will dated 24 Feb., 1695-6.

To my wife Alice my cottage in Blaby wherein I dwell, with the garden orchard & Lammas close containing 3 roods for her life, & after her decease one half thereof to my eldest son Charles Chester & one half to my younger son William Chester. My wife to be my executrix and residuary legatee.

Will signed by his mark.

Will proved at Leicester 17 Sept. 1700.

Charles Chester had issue, by his wife Dorothy, two sons.

I. Charles Chester was baptized at Blaby 14 Feb. 1664-5, and lived and died an uneducated labourer like his father. He survived his step-mother Alice, but his burial is not recorded in Blaby register.

II. William Chester was baptized at Blaby 9 June 1666, and married there by banns on 5 Nov. 1700 Mary Hubbard of Whetstone, Leicestershire, by whom he had no children. William was an uneducated labourer like his father and brother, and died at the age of 57. He was buried at Blaby 23 December, 1723.

William Chester of Blaby Labourer.

Will dated 21 Jan. 1722-3.

Whereas my late father Charles Chester by Will dated 24 Feb. 1695-6 divided his cottage & premises between his two sons after the

death of his wife Alice, & whereas such division was duly made after Alice's death, I give & devise to my wife Mary Chester & her heirs all my part of the same cottage & lands which are now in my occupation. My said wife to be my executrix & residuary legatee.

Signed by William Chester with his mark.

Will proved at Leicester 20 December 1723.

Mary Chester the widow of William survived her husband little more than two years.

MARY CHESTER OF BLABY WIDOW.

Will dated 4 May 1724.

To my nephew Thomas Coleman of Gilmorton Leicestershire & his heirs the cottage where he now dwells with the garden orchard & Lammas close which were formerly divided between my late husband William Chester & his brother Charles pursuant to the Will of their father Charles Chester, & which were devised to me by the Will of my said late husband. But if the said Thomas Coleman dies before he is 21, then I give the same to my sister Alice Sowtham & her heirs. To my said sister all my wearing apparel.

My said nephew Thomas Coleman to be my executor & residuary legatee.

Will signed by Mary Chester with her mark.

Admon. granted with Will annexed by the Official of the Archdeacon of Leicester's Court to Alice wife of John Sowtham of Gillmorton the mother and guardian of Thomas Coleman a minor, the executor named in the Will.

III. RACHELL CHESTER the eldest daughter of Augustine, was baptized at Blaby 16 September 1604, and married within the year after her father's death Thomas Priest of Grandborow, Warwickshire. She is so described in the letters of administration which were granted to her on 18 October 1627 by the Registrary of the Archdeacon of Leicester's Court.

IV. JOHN CHESTER was baptized at Blaby 3 Oct. 1608, and is described as 11 years old in the pedigree of 1619. He and his brother Charles were the only two of Augustine's sons who survived their father.

V. LEONARD CHESTER was baptized at Blaby 16 July 1610, and died a child in his sixth year. He was buried at Blaby 4 Feb. 1615-16.

VI. ANNE CHESTER was baptized at Blaby 4 Sept. 1614, and died in her twelfth year, for she was buried at Blaby on 8 June 1626, on the same day as her brother Clement.

VII. LEONARD CHESTER was baptized at Blaby 14 December 1617, although he is described as being 4 years old in the pedigree of 1619. He died in his ninth year and was buried at Blaby on 5 June 1626 on the same day as his brother William.

VIII. William Chester was not born in 1619, and curiously enough his baptism is not recorded in Blaby register, but he was probably about 6 years old when he died of the disease, which proved fatal to so many of his family, and was buried at Blaby on 5 June 1626.

IV.

Charles Chester, son and heir of Augustine by Phebe Michell, was baptized 3 Feb. 1599-1600, and was therefore 26 old when he succeeded on his father's death to the family estate. His wife's name is not known, but it is probable from the age of his eldest son that he married in 1627 or 1628, during which two years the registers of Blaby parish have not been preserved. For the same reason there is no record of his burial, for he died in 1641, and there is another gap in the Blaby registers from 1640 to 1662. It appears, however, from the verdict found at the inquest, which was held after his death at Leicester on 20 Sept. 1641, that Charles Chester, yeoman, died at Blaby on 5 June 1641, seised of lands in Blaby and Countesthorpe, and that his heir was his son Charles, who was aged at the time of his father's death 12 years 3 months and 11 days.

Charles Chester had issue 3 children.

I. Charles Chester his son and heir.
II. Jane Chester was baptized at Blaby 9 Aug. 1632.
III. Anne Chester was baptized at Blaby 3 Aug. 1634.

V.

Charles Chester II. the son and heir of Charles, was born 22 Feb. 1628-9 and eventually inherited the family estate, but nothing is known about him except that he married very young a wife named Bridget, by whom he had a son Charles, who died in his lifetime leaving issue. Bridget died before her husband and was buried at Blaby on 17 July 1698. The widower soon married again, and his second wife by whom he had no issue survived him. He died at the age of 71, but his burial is not recorded in Blaby register.

Charles Chester of Blaby Yeoman.

Will dated 29 April 1700.

To my cousin Elizabeth Smart that lived with me £5 at 12 years (*sic*). To my cousin George Freer & his heirs my cottage or tenement in Blaby & the homestead occupied by Joseph Silvester. My wife to have the rest of my personal estate.

Will signed with Charles Chester's mark.

Witness. Jo Carver: Tho Allen: Saml Bakewell.

Will proved at Leicester by the widow 9 July 1700.

VI.

Charles Chester III., the son and heir apparent of Charles II. by Bridget, married a wife named Alice, who survived him, and had issue a son Charles. He died in his father's life-time, and was buried at Blaby 10 Feb. 1677-8.

Charles Chester of Blaby yeoman.

Will dated 4 July 1677.

To be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executor.

To my wife Alice £20 with all household goods given me by her father Reynold.

To my son Charles £60, "that I have a mortgage for" at the age of 21, & in the meanwhile my wife to have the use of it. But if Charles dies before 21 then I give the £60 to my wife Alice.

The residue of my goods & chattels after payment of my debts to my father Charles Chester, who is my sole executor.

Will proved in 1678 in the Archdeacon of Leicester's Court.

VII.

Charles Chester IV., the son and heir of Charles III. son and heir apparent of Charles II., was baptized at Blaby 6 March 1670-1, and succeeded to the family estate on his grandfather's death. He married a wife Alice, and had issue a daughter Alice. Charles was the last male heir of the Chesters of Blaby. He died at the age of 51, and was buried at Blaby 9 Nov. 1721. But when the estate was sold I have not been able to discover.

VIII.

Alice Chester, the only daughter and heir of Charles IV., was baptized at Blaby on 11 Sept. 1702, and married there on 24 Aug. 1726 Thomas Bassett of Blaby, yeoman. They had issue—

I. Elizabeth Bassett, baptized at Blaby 7 Nov. 1727.

II. Mary Bassett, was baptized 8 June 1729.

Chapter II.

I.

John Chester of Blaby, the brother of Augustine and the eldest son of Leonard Chester by his second wife Bridget Sharpe, was the ancestor of the Chesters of Wethersfield in New England. He was probably better off than his elder brother Augustine, for he inherited his father's lands in Hertfordshire as well as his mother's estate at Blaby. He married about 1609 Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Hooker and sister of the Rev. Thomas

Hooker a minister, who afterwards emigrated to New England, and was conspicuous amongst the Pilgrim Fathers as the pastor at Hartford in Connecticut. He had issue by his wife Dorothy, who survived her husband, a son and a daughter, but the daughter died before him.

John Chester sold for £60 to Trustees for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northaw* Hertfordshire, by Deed dated 1 October 1624, a meadow of 2 acres at Chipping Barnet adjoining a messuage called the Flower de Luce, then in the occupation of John Hamblyn. This meadow still belongs to the parishioners of Northaw.

John Chester died in Sept. 1628, but there is no record of his burial, for the parish registers of Blaby for the year 1627-8 are lost.

JOHN CHESTER OF BLABY IN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER GENTLEMAN.

Will dated 28 July 1628.

To my wife Dorothy all my messuages and lands in Blaby, to enjoy the rents for her own use until my son Leonard attains the age of 24 when he is to have them in fee simple subject to my wife's dower. But if Leonard dies without issue before attaining 24, then my wife is to have the lands for her life. In the meanwhile my wife is to pay my son Leonard £6 13s. 4d. every year at Michaelmas until he attains 24. My wife is also to pay £6 13s. 4d. every year at Michaelmas to John Chester son of Sampson Chester deceased until my son Leonard attains 24: & then my said son Leonard is to pay 50/- every year at Michaelmas to George Chester during his life. But if Leonard dies without issue before 21, then the person to whom my land shall come is to pay to the said John Chester £10 a year during his life.

To my servant Lyonell Matfield £5. To my servant Elizabeth Humberstone 40/- To John Miller 40/- To John Adcock 50/- To the poor of St. Margaret's Leicester 10/- To the poor of Blaby 20/-

My wife to be my executrix & residuary legatee. My brethren John Horte & Robert Miller to be overseers of my Will.

Witnesses. Charles Chester, Leonard Chester, Anne Chester & others.

Will proved by the widow 15 October 1628 in the Archdeacon of Leicester's Court.

John Chester's widow Dorothy did not remain long in England after her husband's death, for she emigrated to New England in 1633 with her brother Thomas Hooker and her son Leonard, who was then lately married. She was still living in 1639 at Hartford in Connecticut, where her brother was pastor.

* Reports of Charity Commission, vol. xxvii, p. 286.

John Chester had issue by Dorothy Hooker, two children, a son and a daughter.

I. Leonard Chester son and heir.

II. Elizabeth Chester was baptized at Blaby 6 Jan. 1624-5, and (as I gather from the silence of her father's Will) died an infant before her father.

II.

Leonard Chester, the only son of John of Blaby by Dorothy Hooker, was baptized at Blaby on 15 July 1610, and was therefore 18 years old when his father died. He married at the age of 21, and the young couple emigrated to New England in 1633 with his uncle Thomas Hooker, who was afterwards pastor at Hartford, in Connecticut. He purchased lands at Watertown in this State, where "Chester's Meadow" still perpetuates his name. He was one of the Colony, who left Watertown in 1635 to settle in the town of Wethersfield, where his descendants continued to be resident proprietors for several generations. He had married before leaving England Mary Wade, who seems to have had a comfortable fortune. He made a Will in 1637, from which it appears that he had then already acquired a considerable estate at Wethersfield, although he had not disposed of all his property in England. This Will was never proved, for it was superseded by a later Will dated in 1648, but the earlier Will is printed in the *Historical and Genealogical Register of New England*,* and is now reproduced to show his position at this period.

Leonard Chester of Wethersfield Connecticut Gent.

Will dated Nov. 22 1637. To my son John my houses & lands &c. in Wethersfield: one half at my death & the other half at the death of my wife Mary. If my said son John dies under 21, without issue, then I give the same lands to my daughter Mary, with remainder to the heirs of my body, remainder to the children of my uncle Mr. Thomas Hooker now pastor at Hartford in Connecticut.

To my son John £100. To my daughter Mary £200. To my mother Dorothy Chester £30. To my wife Mary one half of my said houses & lands for her life, & I appoint her my sole executrix. Mr. John Plum & Mr. Henry Smith both of Wethersfield to be overseers of my Will.

Codicil. £300, part of my wife Mary's portion, which had been sent over since we arrived in New England to be disposed of by my wife.

The Colonial Records of Connecticut show that Leonard Chester took a leading position amongst the settlers of Wethers-

* Vol. xvi. pp. 233-4.

field, for he was a member of the grand jury, and his name occurs thirteen times in the first volume of the State Records.

Leonard Chester died on 11 December 1648, aged 38, and was buried at Wethersfield, where a massive horizontal slab of red sandstone in the Churchyard preserves his memory with this inscription, which is surmounted by a rude armorial shield.

" Here lyes the body of Leon
ard Chester Armiger late
of the town of Blaby and
severall other lordships
in Leistersheire deceased
in Wethersfield Anno
Domini 1648 Etatis 39 : "

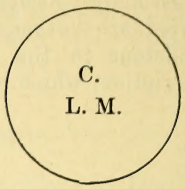
The Arms are rudely delineated and the Griffin is repeated below the Chief, but the Shield was evidently intended to denote the well known Arms of Chester of Royston, " Ermine on a Chief Sable, a Griffin passant, Argent."

Will of Leonard Chester of Wethersfield Conn. Gent.

Whereas I have some years since drawn up the frame of my thoughts and desires into a writing, and committed it to the keeping of my uncle Thomas Hooker, now deceased ; which writing, for the present, I cannot well come at ; and further, because in the writing, I have not, so far as I remember, made any provision for my younger children, which have been born since : I do therefore truly declare, that whatever provision is therein made for my younger children, that were then born, the same provision I do appoint to be made for my younger children born since, so that they may all have their portions alike, equal one to another, except my eldest son to whom I have bequeathed and do still bequeath a double portion. And whereas in that my Will, I have entreated Mr. J. Webster and my cousin Neuton to be my Executors, I do hereby make known that my desire is to ease them of the trouble, and do constitute and appoint my loving wife to be my sole and alone Executrix. And lastly, because I have taken no order in that writing for the dispose of what estate I have remaining still in Old England, I do therefore hereby bequeath all that estate, whether in annuity, goods, or otherwise, which either is or shall be of right appertaining unto me or my heirs ; and in particular, one annuity of thirty quarters of barley issuing out of the estate of Nicholas Sharpe, deceased, and by his Will bequeathed unto me and my heirs, for the selling whereof, I have sent over a letter of attorney to my father Wade : all this, with whatever else will be coming to me out of Old England, I do give to my wife during her life, with all the profits that shall accrue therefrom ; and after her decease, I do give and bequeath it to my children, viz. : to my eldest Son, a double portion, and to the rest, to every one an equal portion. That this is my

full mind and final resolution and Will, I do hereby, in testimony hereof, set my hand and seal, this 2nd day of August, 1648.

Leonard Chester.



In the presence of us,
He. Smith,
William Smith,
Thomas Hanchett.

My desire is to add something further to my within mentioned Will, viz.:—

1. In case my annuity in Old England shall not be sold, and so shall fall by law, upon my eldest son, that then whatever I have given to my eldest son by my Will, viz.: that double portion of goods, shall be translated from him to my other children, to mend their portions.

2. In case any of my children shall prove undutiful and stubborn to their mother, that it shall be in the power of their mother to take away the one half of that portion I have bequeathed to that child, and to give it to such of the rest as shall be more dutiful to her.

These things, though in a rude and indigested manner, I desire for the present thus to set down,—intending, if God spare my life, to reduce all into one entire writing. This 2nd of Aug. 1648.

Leonard Chester's widow Mary, proved her husband's Will, and married secondly the Honble. Richard Russell of Charlestown, whom she also survived. She died at Charlestown 30 Nov. 1688.

In the name of God, Amen. I Mary Russell, of Charlestown, in his Majesty's territory and dominion in New England, (formerly Mary Chester, wife of Leonard Chester, late of Wethersfield, in the Colony of Connecticut, deceased,) being often weakly in body, but of reasonable good understanding and memory; and for as much as I know not how soon it may please God to take me out of this world, by death, I account it my duty to resign up myself, soul and body, to the good will and pleasure of the Lord of life and death, hoping and trusting, that after this temporal life is ended, to receive everlasting happiness through the only merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and only Saviour. And as concerning what temporal estate it hath pleased God in his goodness to give unto me, I do, by this last Will and testament, give and bequeath the same in manner as followeth.

"Imprimis. After my just debts shall be paid, and my decent funeral charges defrayed, I give and bequeath unto my eldest son, Capt. John Chester, of Wethersfield, in the aforesaid territory and dominion in New England, the sum of thirty pounds.

"Item. I give and devise to my daughter, Mrs. Dorcas Whiting, of Bellerica, in the aforesaid territory, the sum of thirty pounds, and also, my wearing apparel, and that household stuff which I shall have remain-

ing unwilled to any other; and to her husband, the Rev. Mr. Samuel Whiting, my son-in-law, ten pounds.

"Item. I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter Elizabeth Whiting, my bed and bedstead, bolsters, blanket and rugg. More: I give to said Elizabeth the trunk which is in the chamber, and what is in it. More: I give to her my brass and irons, and silver tankards.

"Item. I give and bequeath to my second son, Stephen Chester, of the aforesaid Wethersfield, merchant, the sum of forty pounds, one chest of drawers, and a painted carpet. "I give and bequeath unto my daughter Prudence Russell's orphans, viz., my grandson, Thomas Russell, my brick house, with four feet front on the wharf, which I bought of my son Mr. Daniel Russell: and to my two grand-daughters, Mary Russell and Prudence Russell, fifteen pounds to each one of them. More, I give to my grand-daughter, Mary Russell, my silver wine cup, marked M. D., and one silver spoon. More I give to my grand-daughter, Prudence Russell aforesaid, my silver plate with the Chester arms on it. Also, I give unto the said orphans, all that debt of thirty and two pounds due to me on the book of accounts. Further, it is my will, that the house and land where Thomas Rand lives, with the yard room, situated and lying in the aforesaid Charlestown, be equally given between the said Mary and Prudence Russell. Further, it is my mind and will that the small house and yard room where John Goppy at present lives, and the lean-to rising up against Dr. Chickering's, with the privilege of water at the well, be given unto my daughter, Mrs. Dorcas Whiting aforesaid.

"Item. I give unto my son-in-law, James Russell, Esq., the sum of five pounds.

"Item. I give unto my son-in-law, Capt. Richard Sprague, the sum of five pounds.

"Item. I give and bequeath unto my old servant, Jno. Coultman, of Wethersfield, if then living, twenty shillings.

"And further it is my will, that if my estate should fall short of the aforesaid legacies, then, that there be a proportionable abatement on every legatee. My beloved sons, Mr. Samuel Whiting, and Mr. Stephen Chester abovesaid, to be executors of this my last will."

Will dated 20 Nov. 1688.

Witnessed by Edward Willson; John Newell senr.

Will proved in Probate Court of Middlesex County Mass:

Leonard Chester had issue by his wife Mary seven children viz:

I. John Chester son and heir.

II. Dorcas Chester (called Mary in her father's Will of 1637), was born 5 Nov. 1637 and married Rev. Samuel Whiting of Billerica.

III. Stephen Chester Merchant of Charlestown, was born on 3 March 1639, and died unmarried 23 April 1705.

IV. Mary Chester was born 15 Jan. 1641, and died unmarried in Charlestown 15 Sept. 1669.

V. Prudence Chester was born 16 Feb. 1643, and married

30 December 1669 Captain Thomas Russell of Charlestown, who died 20 Oct. 1676 leaving three children. His widow died 21 Oct. 1678, in her mother's lifetime.

VI. Eunice Chester was born 15 June 1645, and married 25 Feb. 1673 Captain Richard Sprague of Charlestown. She died 27 May 1676, in her mother's lifetime.

VII. Mercy Chester was born 14 Feb. 1647, and died unmarried at Charlestown in 1669.

III.

John Chester of Wethersfield the son and heir of Leonard by Mary Wade, was born in Watertown Conn: 3 Aug. 1635, and married in 1643-4 Sarah Welles, a daughter of the Honble. Thomas Welles of Wethersfield, who was successively Treasurer, Secretary, and Governor of the State of Connecticut. Captain John Chester was one of the leading men in his native State, and died 23 Feb. 1697-8 at the age of 62. Captain John Chester had issue by his wife Sarah, (who survived him and died on 12 Dec. 1698,) eight children, of whom and their descendants the following particulars are reprinted from the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

IV.

Children of [Capt.] John[1] Chester.

1. Mary,[2] b. Dec. 25, 1654; m. Feb. 14, 1676-7, John Wolcott, of E. Windsor; d. July 10, 1689, æt. 35. (3 children.)

2. John[2] (Major, Judge, Speaker), b. June 10, 1656; m. Nov. 25, 1686, Hannah Talcott, b. in 1666, dau. of Cap. Samuel Talcott, of Glastenbury. He d. Dec. 14, 1711, æt. 55; his widow Hannah d. July 23, 1741, æt. 78. (10 children.)

3. Sarah,[2] b. Nov. 11, 1657; m. Dec. 5, 1689, Simon Wolcott, of Windsor. (6 children.)

4. Stephen,[2] b. May 26, 1659; m. Dec. 17, 1691, Jemima Treat, of Wethersfield, b. 1668. He d. Feb. 9, 1697-8. (5 children.)

5. Thomas,[2] b. March 23, 1661-2; m. Dec. 10, 1684, Mary Treat, dau. of Richard Treat, of Glastenbury. He d. Dec. 5, 1712, æt. 50, and his widow d. in 1748, æt. 81. (4 children.)

6. Samuel,[2] b. May 23, 1664; d. 1680, æt. 25, unm.

7. Prudence,[2] b. Dec. 10, 1666; d. May 8, 1727, æt. 60; m. James Treat. (7 children.)

8. Eunice,[2] b. May 17, 1668; m. Rev. Timothy Stevens, of Glastenbury; d. June 16, 1698, æt. 30. (4 children.)

V.

Children of [Major] JOHN[2] CHESTER.

1. PENELOPE,[3] b. Nov. 1, 1687; d. April 1688, æt. 5 months.
2. MEHITABLE,[3] b. Jan. 29, 1688-9; m. Nath. Burnham. (5 children.)
3. MARY,[3] b. March 8, 1691 (m. Jonathan Burnham). (6 children.)
4. PENELOPE,[3] b. Nov. 18, 1693 (m. Rev. Ebenezer Williams); d. June 29, 1764, æt. 71. (6 children.)
5. HANNAH,[3] b. May 5, 1696 (m. Capt. Gideon Welles, and Hale of Glastenbury); d. May 19, 1749, æt. 53. (9 children.)
6. PRUDENCE,[3] b. March 4, 1699; m. Dec. 13, 1731, Col. John Stoddard, of Northampton, b. Feb. 17, 1682, grad. H. C. 1701—son of Rev. Solomon Stoddard. He d. in Boston June 19, 1748, and his widow d. Sept. 11, 1780, æt. 81. (5 children.)
7. EUNICE,[3] b. May 11, 1701; m. Col. John Pitkin, of East Hartford.
8. JOHN,[3] (Colonel, Judge,) b. June 30, 1703, grad. H. C. 1722; m. Nov. 19, 1747, Sarah Noyes, dau. of Rev. James Noyes, of New Haven, b. March 29, 1722. He d. Sept. 11, 1771, æt. 68. His widow d. June 25, 1797, æt. 75. He was often a member of the General Assembly and Assistant. He was also a Judge of the County Court, and one of the most important men of the Colony, useful in the Church, "a father to the fatherless and a god to the widow." He d. suddenly in the hay-field, Sept. 11, 1771. In 1748, he is said to have been the only male in his line of the name of Chester.

The bell in the church tower at Wethersfield imported from England, and his gift, bears in raised letters this inscription—"JOHN CHESTER, 1761."

9. SARAH,[3] b. July 4, 1707; m. Col. Israel Williams, of Hatfield, b. Nov. 30, 1709, grad. H. C. 1729, d. 1789. She d. in Hatfield Sept. 18, 1770, æt. 63. (7 children.)
10. THOMAS,[3] b. Aug. 31, 1711; d. May 29, 1712.

VI.

Children of [Col.] JOHN[3] CHESTER.

I. JOHN[4] (Colonel, Speaker), b. Jan. 29, 1749; grad. Y. C. 1766, and A.M. Harv. 1775; m. Nov. 25, 1773, Elizabeth Huntington, dau. of Hon. Jabez H., of Norwich, b. Nov. 9, 1757. He d. Nov. 4, 1809, and his widow d. July 1, 1839. He distinguished himself by his intrepidity as Captain of a company

at Bunker Hill, and was soon made Colonel. By his resignation in 1777, the country lost the services of a gallant and efficient officer.

In Frothingham's Siege of Boston, frequent mention is made of him, and always in the highest terms. In the same work a letter from Col. Chester dated July 22, 1775, and giving a full account of the battle, occupies three pages (pp. 389-391). This letter is repeatedly quoted in subsequent pamphlets respecting the command at Bunker Hill. Lieut. Webb of Chester's company, writes July 11, 1775: "For my part I confess when I was descending into the valley, from off Bunker Hill, side by side of Captain Chester, at the head of our company, I had no more thought of ever rising the hill again than I had of ascending to heaven, as Elijah did, soul and body together. But after we got engaged, to see the dead and wounded around me I had no other feeling but that of revenge. Four men were shot down within five feet of me, but, thank heaven, I escaped with only the graze of a musket ball on my hat."

Col. Chester was Speaker of the House several years, Councillor, Judge of Probate, and Judge of the County Court. 12 children:—

(1) *Elizabeth*,[5] b. Nov. 10, 1774; m. June 8, 1807, Eleazer F. Backus, of Albany, b. Jan. 13, 1770. 4 children; John C. Backus,[6] D.D., of Baltimore. Md.; J. Trumbull Backus,[6] D.D., of Schenectady, N. Y.; Elizabeth,[6] d. unm.; Mary,[6] m. James Bayard, Esq., of Philadelphia.

(2) *Mary*,[5] b. April 20, 1779; m. June 3, 1806, Ebenezer Welles, of Brattleboro', Vt. 3 children: John,[6] Charles,[6] Henry.[6]

(3) *Hannah*,[5] b. Oct. 27, 1781; m. Sept. 26, 1808, Charles Chauncey, LL.D., of Philadelphia, b. in New Haven, 1777, grad. Y. C. 1792, d. Sept. 30, 1849. She d. Feb. 6, 1821. 6 children: Charles,[6] grad. Y. C. 1828, d. 1831; Elizabeth Chester;[6] Susan Vaux,[6] d. 1836; Hannah;[6] two sons, d. in infancy.

(4) *Sarah*,[5] b. June 17, 1783; unm.

(5) *John*[5] (Rev. D.D.), b. Aug. 17, 1785, grad. Y. C. 1804, D.D. U. C. 1821, pastor 2d Pres. Church in Albany; m. Rebecca, dau. of Robert Ralston, of Philadelphia, where he d. Jan. 12, 1829. 6 chil.: Sarah Ralston,[6] m. Rev. Samuel B. Jones; Elizabeth Huntington;[6] Hannah Chauncey,[6] m. Jonathan H. Hasbrouck; Marion Dorsey,[6] d. unm.; Mary Wells,[6] m. Martin B. Inches; Rebecca Ralston,[6] m. Abram Suydam Mesier.

(6) *Charlotte*,[5] b. March 20, 1787; d. July 19, 1844, unm.

(7) *Henry*,[5] b. Oct. 3, 1790, d. in infancy.

(8) *Julia*,[5] b. March 15, 1792; m. April 2. 1816, Matthew C. Ralston, of Philadelphia. 3 chil.: Sarah,[6] Robert,[6] Hannah Chester.[6]

(9) *Henry*,[5] b. Dec. 23, 1793; grad. U. C. 1814; lawyer of Philadelphia; d. 1848, unm.

(10) *William*[5] (D.D.), b. Nov. 20, 1796; grad. U. C. 1815, D.D. Wash. C. Penn.; pastor Pres. Church, Hudson, N. Y.; Sec'ry Pres. Board of Education, Phila.; m. 1826, Frances M. White, of Hudson.

(11) *George*,[5] b. June 14, 1798; d. in infancy.

(12) *Charles*,[5] b. —— ; d. ——.

II. Leonard,[4] b. Sept. —, 1750; grad. Y. C. 1769; m. Sept. 12, 1776, Sarah Williams, of Pittsfield, b. Oct. 31, 1758, dau. of Col. Wm. Williams, Jr., of Deerfield. He d. in New York of yellow fever in 1805, and the place of his burial is unknown. 10 children :—

(1) *Leonard Williams*,[5] b. Dec. 20, 1777; m. Sabra Roath, of Norwich; went to sea in H. B. M. brig Quebec, and was never heard of. He left one child.

(2) *Hannah D.*,[5] b. Aug. 8, 1779; m. Mr. Leffingwell.

(3) *Henrietta*[5] (twin), b. March 8, 1781; m. Rev. Mr. Briggs, of Boxford, Mass. 1 child.

(4) *Sophia*[5] (twin), b. March 8, 1781; d. Nov. 7, 1822.

(5) *John Noyes*,[5] b. March 20, 1783; went to sea, bound to Java, and was never heard of.

(6) *Sally Williams*,[5] b. Nov. 2, 1784.

(7) *William Williams*,[5] b. July 13, 1786; m. Nov. 13, 1816, Hannah Sutherland, of Blenheim, N. Y., b. May 31, 1796. She d. Jan. 8, 1863, s. p. He founded the well known firm of W. W. Chester & Co., New York.

(8) *Thomas Leonard*,[5] b. Aug. 20, 1788; m. Oct. 15, 1815, Eliza Sidell, b. Sept. 10, 1796. 10 children :—William Henry,[6] b. Sept. 17, 1816; m. June 8, 1838, Eliza K. Priest, who d. March 14, 1846. (2 children). He m. Oct. 9. 1850, Mary Cooper. (5 children.) He was in Union Army, wounded at Gettysburg, and d. July 10, 1862. Caroline Sarah,[6] b. June 5, 1818; d. Dec. 2, 1860. John Noyes,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1820; m. Feb. 4, 1862, Fannie A. Harris. (2 children.) Eliza,[6] b. Oct. 8, 1822; d. Aug. 1827. Charles Thomas,[6] b. Jan. 6, 1826; grad. Y. C. 1845; m. June 17, 1856, Lucretia Roberts. (4 children.) Edward,[6] b July 12, 1828; m. Aug. 1848, Sophia Hoffman. Stephen,[6] b. Sept. 19, 1830; m. Feb. 25, 1868, Caroline Georgine Harris. Henrietta,[6] b Sept. 18, 1832; d. April 24, 1834. Julia,[6] b. Dec. 5, 1835; m. Aug. 31, 1866, Rev. O. W. Whitaker. Emeline,[6] b. April 20, 1840; d. Dec. 24, 1841.

(9) *James De Colt*,[5] b. Aug. 13, 1792; drowned while bathing in Connecticut River.

(10) *Abigail Webb*,[5] b. June, 1796; d. Feb. 1801.

III. Sarah,[4] b. Aug. 12, 1752; m. Thomas Coit, of Canterbury. (5 children.):—
(1) *Joseph.*[5]
(2) *Frances,*[5] m. Rev. Parker Adams, of Johnstown, N. Y.
(3) *Sally,*[5] m. John Knickerbocker, of Waterford.
(4) *Thomas C.*[5] m. Mary Ann Morgan, of Hartford.
(5) *Stephen,*[5] m. Betsey Throop, of Norwich.

IV. Abigail,[4] b. May 27, 1754; m. Nov., 1774, Joseph Webb. 10 children:—
(1) *Sally.*[5] (2) *Harriet Blackley.*[5] (3) *Joseph Hayes.*[5] (4) *Eliza Bancker.*[5] (5) *Frances Chester.*[5] (6) *John Haynes.*[5] (7) *Thomas Chester.*[5] (8) *Amelia.*[5] (9) *Thomas Chester.*[5] (10) *Henry L.*[5] (11) *Charles Barrel.*[5] (Dates not ascertained.)

V.—X. Six infants d. between 1756 and 1760. (Three born at one birth, lived respectively 1 hour, 11 days, and 17 weeks.)

XI. Stephen,[4] b. Oct. 27, 1761; grad. Y. C. 1780; Sheriff of Hartford County; d. Dec. 6, 1835; m. Nov. 5, 1788, Elizabeth, dau. of Stephen Mix Mitchell, Chief Justice of Connecticut, b. Sept. 11, 1770, d. Dec. 22, 1852. 10 children:—
(1) *Elizabeth,*[5] b. Sept. 15, 1789; d. Oct. 1, 1851, unm.
(2) *Maria,*[5] b. May 17, 1791; d. June 22, 1866; m. Hon. Lewis Strong, of Northampton. (10 children, 8 grandchildren.)
(3) *Stephen Mitchell,*[5] b. Oct. 18, 1793: grad. Y. C. 1813; merchant; d. April 14, 1862, unm.
(4) *Donald,*[5] b July 25, 1795; grad. Y. C. 1814; merchant; d. Sept. 29, 1835, unm.
(5) *Walter,*[5] b. Oct. 8. 1798; d. in infancy.
(6) *Hannah Grant,*[5] b. May 27, 1800.
(7) *Walter,*[5] b. Nov. 20, 1804; m. Henrietta Lyman, of Cazenovia, N. Y., April 22, 1828. (6 children, 11 grandchildren.)
(8) *Catherine,*[5] b. Nov. 10, 1806; m. May 7, 1829, Lemuel W. Belden, M.D., of Springfield. (1 child.)
(9) *Julia Buck,*[5] b. August 23, 1809; d. April 8, 1835, unm.
(10) *John,*[5] b. Jan. 23, 1813; m. Catharine M. Morell, of Detroit, Mich., June 14, 1837; d. Nov. 18, 1852. (3 children.)

XII. Thomas,[4] b. Jan. 7, 1764; grad. Y. C. 1780; d. 1831; m. Esther M. Bull, b. Sept. 29. 1777, d. June 22, 1844. 5 children:—
(1) *Aurelia Louisa,*[5] b. May 19, 1796.
(2) *Alfred*[5] (Rev.), b. March 17, 1798; grad. Y. C. 1818; m. Aug. 24, 1826, Mary Ann Frances Chetwood, of Elizabethtown, N. J. (2 children, 5 gr. children.)

(3) *Caroline*,[5] b. Jan. 26, 1801; m. June 2. 1825, John Knickerbocker, of Waterford, N. Y. (5 children, 8 gr. children.)

(4) *Mary Jane*,[5] b. Nov. 10, 1804; m. Prof. Sylvester Hovey, of Amherst College; d. Jan. 11, 1840. (1 child.)

(5) *Elizabeth Huntington*,[5] b. Oct. 31, 1807; m. James M. Bunce, of Hartford, Ct.; d. March 6, 1861. (6 children.)

APPENDIX.

Extracts from Parish Registers.

Blaby, Leic. (Commence 1560.)

1594. Geo: Chester bapt. 18 Oct.
1599. Augustine s. of Leonarde Chester of Blaby & Phebe Michell of Blaby, mar. 24 Oct.
1599. Chas. s. of Augustine Chester, bapt. 3 Febr.
1602. Clement s. of Augustine Chester, bapt. 6 June.
1604. Rachell Chester bapt. 16 Sept.
1606. Leonard Chester & Jane Wolle mar. 12 June.
1608. John s. of Augustine Chester bapt. Oct. 3.
1608. Jane wife of Leonard Chester bapt. Oct. 29.
1610. Leonard s. of John Chester bapt. July 15.
1611. Leonard s. of Augustine Chester bapt. 11 Jan.
1614. Anne d. of Augustine Chester bapt. 4 Sept.
1615. Leonard Chester gent. bur. 16 August.
1615. Leonard son of Augustine Chester bur. 4 Febr.
1617. Leonard s. of Augustine Chester bapt. 14 Dec.
1624. Elizabeth d. of Jhon Chester bapt. 6 Jan.
1624. Clement Chester & Alice Brickwood, mar. 26 Sept.
1625. Charles s. of Clement Chester bapt. 30 April.
1626. Phœbe Chester, wife of Augustine Chester, bur. 24 May.
1626. Leonard, s. of Augustine Chester, bur. 5 June.
,, William, s. of ,, ,, bur. 5 June.
,, Clement Chester, bur. 8 June.
,, Ann d. of Augustine Chester, bur. 8 June.
,, Augustine Chester, bur. 14 June.
[N.B.—"83 funerals this year—1626."]
1632. Aug. 9. Jane, d. of Charles Chester bapt.
1634. Anne, d. of Charles Chester, husbandman, bapt. 3 Aug.
1664. Charles, s. of Charles Chester & Dorothy, bapt. Febr. 14.
1666. William, s. of Charles Chester & Dorothy, bapt. June 9.
1670. Charles. s. of Charles Chester & Alice, bapt. March 6.
1677. Charles Chester, husband of Alice, and son of Charles Chester and Bridget his wife—Buried Febr. 10.

1698. Bridget, wife of Charles Chester, bur. July 17.
1699. Charles Chester, labourer, bur. Oct. 27.
1700. Dorothy, widow of Charles Chester, bur. May 11.
1700. William Chester of Blaby & Mary Hubbard of Whetstone, mar. by Banns, Nov. 5.
1702. Alice, dau. of Charles Chester & Alice, bapt. Sept. 11.
1706. Valentine Lowe of Ilston & Ann Chester of this parish—married Jan. 13.
1721. Charles Chester, buried Nov. 9.
1723. Sarah Chester, widow, buried June 4.
,, William Chester, bur. Dec. 23.
1726. Tho. Bassett & Alice Chester, both of Blaby, mar. Aug. 28.
1727. Elizabeth, d. of Tho. Bassett & Alice, bapt. Nov. 7.
1728. Widow Chester, buried March 13.
1729. Mary, d. of Tho. Bassett & Alice, bapt. June 8.

St. Anne's Blackfriars, London.

1617. Nov. 26. Sampson Chester & Frances Tough married.
1618. Oct. 28. Margaret dau. of Sampson & Francis Chester, bapt.
1619-20. Jan. 21. Joanna dau. of same bapt.
1723-4. Feb. 6. Sampson son of Sampson & Mary Chester bapt.
1725-6. Mch. 3. Mary dau. of Sampson & Mary Chester bapt.

St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey.

1621. May 23. John son of Sampson Chester, a sojourner—Christened.
1623. Nov. 5. Abigail dau. of same Christened.
1627-8. Feb. 25. Thomas Smith & Francis Chester, married.
1636. Sept. 8. Abigail Chester als Smith—girl—Buried—P.
1676. July 9. Mary dau. of William Chester—Buried.
1705. Oct. 21. Frances dau. of James Chester, of Bermondsey Street, Parchment Maker, & Anne his wife—Baptised—born 11th.
1706. Dec. 29. Anne dau. of same, baptised—born 23rd; bur. 29 Apr. 1707.
1707-8. Feb. 1. James, son of same,—Baptised—born 25 Jan.
1709. Dec. 27. Richard son of same—Baptised—born 19th.

Marriage Allegations, from the Faculty Office.

1715-6. Feb. 11. Sampson Chester of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, Apothecary, Bach^{r} aged above 22 & Mary Cuer of St. Olave's Southwark, Surrey, Sp^{r} above 21. To marry at St. Mary Magdalen aforesaid.

(From the late Colonel J. L. Chester's MS. Collections.)

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTERS OF THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY OF LONDON.

Apprentices.

1606. Oct. 13. Sampson Chester son of Leonard Chester of Blaby co. Leicester Gent. apprenticed to John Gilbert, of Holborn for 7 years.

Mem. Sampson was made free by his said master on 3rd July 1615.

1669 May. Sampson Chester son of John Chester of Southwark Clerk apprenticed to Richard Butler one of the Livery for 7 years.

(Communicated by G. E. Cokayne, Norroy.)

FREER OF BLABY. (See p. 185.)

George Freer, called "my cousin" in the Will of Charles Chester 1700, was son of William Freer of Blaby, by Grace Savile his wife, dau. of George Savile of Blaby, lord of the manor of Blaby, and of Grace his wife. George Freer was bap. 23 March 1678, and was dead in 1729, when his children Ann, Grace, and William were living, and are named in their grandfather's Will. The Freers were seated at Blaby as early as 1580. The Saviles (see p. 179) were a younger branch of the Saviles of Howley co. York, and came to Blaby *temp.* Hen. VI., when Thomas Savile acquired the manor by his marriage with Catherine, dau. & coheir of John de Blaby. Pedigrees of Savile are given in the *Vis. Leic.* 1619, and in *Nichols's Leic.* iv. 51.

[The following additional memoranda respecting the CHESTERS OF LEICESTERSHIRE may perhaps be of interest to some, though they do not relate to the Blaby family. ED.]

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

GREAT GLENN.

1768. August 7. James Chester, son of Sr George Robinson & Lady Dorothea his wife, was baptized.

IBSTOCK.

1730. Oct. 8. William Clare & Elizabeth Chester, mar.

ILSTON ON THE HILL.

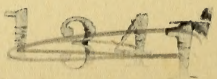
1659. Jan. 15. Anne, wife of Thomas Chester, bur.
1671. Nov. 26. Elizabeth, dau of Thomas Chester & Mary, bap.
1677. June 24. Thomas, s. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1678. Jan. 19. Anne, dau. ,, ,, ,, bur.
1679. Jan. 4. Anne, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.

1693. Feb. 6. Mary, wife of Thomas Chester, bur.
1707. Nov. 18. William, s. of Thomas Chester & Mary, bap.
1708. Jan. 2. Mary, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1712. May 18. Ann, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1713. Feb. 27. Elizabeth, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1714. July 14. Ann, dau. ,, ,, ,, bur.
1714. Jan. 20. Ann, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1717. Nov. 10. Sarah, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1717. Feb. 28. Sarah, dau. of Thomas Chester, bur.
1722. Dec. 13. Thomas Chester, bur.
1731. March 2. Mary, wife of Thomas Chester, bur.
1748. Aug. 9. Thomas Chester junr. & Sarah Jackson, of Ilston, mar.
1751. Apr. 8. John, s. of Thomas Chester & Sarah, bap.
1755. March 29. Thomas Chester, bur.
1756. April 21. Anne, dau. of Thomas Chester & Sarah, bap.
1790. March 3. Thomas Chester, æt. 82, bur.
1793. Sep. 9. Sarah Chester, bur.

1709. Nov. 26. Valentine, s. of Valentine Lowe & Anne, bap.
1711. Sep. 23. Mary, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.
1713. Mar. 14. Elizabeth, dau. ,, ,, ,, bap.

Wills &c. of Chester, proved at Leicester.

1615. Leonard Chester, Blaby. No. 65.
1625. John Chester, Harbye. No. 112.
1626. Christopher Chester, Croxton Keriall. No. 241.
1627. Augustine Chester, Blaby. (Reg. Bk. 1626-7, fo. 143.)
1628. John Chester, Blaby. (Reg. Bk. 1628-30, fo. 19.)
1629. Anthonye Chester, Ilston.
1640. John Chester, Braunston. No. 87.
1641. William Chester, Harbye. No. 71.
1678. Charles Chester. Blaby. No. 52.
1700. Charles Chester, Blaby. Adm., Vic. Gen. et off. 26.
1700. Charles Chester, Blaby. Vic. Gen. 42.
1700. Charles Chester, the elder, Blaby. No. 71.
1703. William Chester, Knipton. No. 39.
1720. Thomas Chester, Gracedieu.
1723. William Chester, Blaby.
1725. Thomas Chester, Sheepshed.
1726. Mary Chester, widow, Blaby.
1741. William Chester, Waltham on the Wolds,
1747. William Chester, Frisby.



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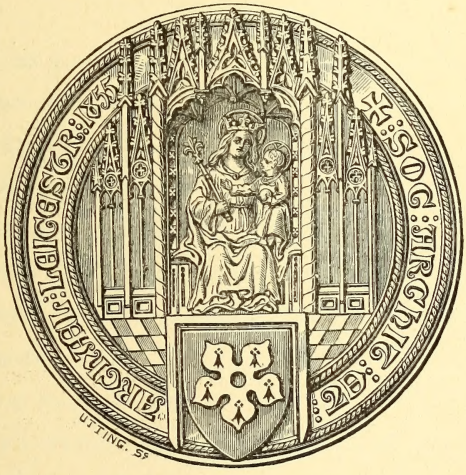

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Brooks, T., Esq., Barkby.
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Buswell, Mr. Tho., Market Harborough.
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Crane, Mr. John, Leicester.
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Croome, The Rev. W. M., Syston.
Crossley, C. R., Esq., Leicester.
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Dawson, E. Finch, Esq., Launde Abbey.
Dash, W. L., Esq., Leicester.
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Deakins, Mr. John, Leicester.
Dickson, The Rev. J. B., LL.D., Foxton.
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Draper, A. T., Esq., Leicester.
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Goddard, Josh., Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Leicester.
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Hazlerigg, Sir A. G., Bart., Noseley Hall.
Headley, R., Esq., Welford.
Herrick, Mrs. Perry-, Beaumanor Park.
Heygate, W. U., Esq., Roecliff.
Hickson, Thos., Esq., Melton Mowbray.
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Howe, The Right Hon. Earl, Gopsall Hall.
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Lakin, The Rev. J. M., Brooksby.
Latham, W., Esq., Melton Mowbray.
Lawford, Jas., Esq., Leicester.
Löhr, G. A., Esq., Leicester.
Lyne, R. E., Esq., M.R.I.A., Dublin.
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Mercer, F. T., Esq., Market Harborough.
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Moore, Rev. W. B., Evington.
Morley, F. R., Esq., Leicester.
Morton, The Right Hon. the Earl of, Loddington Hall.
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Mules, The Rev. P., Belvoir Castle.
Neale, G. C., Esq., Skeffington.
Nevinson, Thomas, Esq., Leicester.
Norman, Geo., Esq., Goadby Marwood.
Norman, The Rev. Canon, R.D., Bottesford.
Overton, Robert, Esq., Leicester.
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Peach, A., Esq., Leicester.
Peake, The Rev. T. C., R.D., Hallaton.
Pearson, Mr. Matthew, Frisby-on-the-Wreake.
Piercy, The Rev. J. M. W., Slawston.
Pownall, The Ven. Archdeacon, F.S.A., South Kilworth.
Price, General, The Manor House, Hallaton.
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Rendall, The Rev. A. M. (*Hon. Local Sec.*) Coston.
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Richardson, Major, J. G. F., Leicester.
Robinson, C. S., Esq., Leicester.
Rowley, Geo. Fydell, Esq., Morcott Hall.
Rowley, Mrs. Dawson, Brighton.
Rutland, His Grace the Duke of, K.G., Belvoir Castle.
Salt, Sir W. H., Bart., Maplewell.
Sandon, The Rev. W. H., Stanford-on-Avon, Rugby.
Sforza, The Duchess, Ragdale.
Shaw, George, Esq., M.D., Leicester.
Spencer, Mr. Charles Alfred, Leicester.
Spencer, Mr. John, Leicester.
Stafford, John, Esq., Leicester.
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Stevenson, George, Esq., Leicester.
Stocks, The Rev. J. E., Leicester.
Stocks, The Rev. Philip, Great Bowden.
Taylor, Mr. John, Loughborough.
Thomson, C. S., Esq., Barrow-on-Soar.
Titley, The Rev. R. (*Hon. Local Sec.*), Barwell.
Tollemache, The Rev. A. F., Whitwick.
Toller, Arthur, Esq., Stoneygate, Leicester.
Trollope, The Rev. Andrew, Edith Weston, Stamford.
Twining, Richard, Esq., Bitteswell.
Twells, The Rev. Canon, R.D., Waltham.
Upcher, The Rev. H. Berners, Dingley.
Walker, Theodore, Esq., Leicester.
Warner, Edward, Esq., Quorn Hall.
Wartnaby, J. W., Esq., Leicester.
Watson, The Rev. J. S., Cotesbach.
West, J. H., Esq., Manor House, Little Bowden.
Whetstone, William, Esq., Coalville.
Whitmore, T. C. D., Esq., Gumley Hall.
Wilde, R. A., Esq., East Langton.
Willes, The Rev. Canon, R.D., Ashby Magna.
Williams, J. H., Esq., Leicester.
Wilson, The Hon. Harry Tyrwhitt, Keythorpe Hall.
Winterton, W., Esq., Leicester.
Winterton, Frank, Esq., Leicester.
Wood, The Rev. C. H., Leicester.
Wood, The Rev. L. W., Dunton Bassett.
Wood, R. H., Esq., F.S.A., Penrhos House, Rugby.
Worswick, Major, Normanton.
Wright, A., Esq., Leicester.
Yard, The Rev. Canon, The Confratery, Leicester.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED IN 1886.

Mr. George Spawton Catlow, Wyggeston's School, Leicester.
Major George Paynter, J.P., Eaton, Grantham.
Mr. Matthew Pearson, Frisby-on-the-Wreake.

MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1886.

Bouskell, James, Esq., Leicester.
Brooke, Sir William de Capell, Bart., The Elms, Market Harborough.
Crane, Mr. John, Leicester.
Gleadow, W., Esq., Leicester.
Hill, Rev. John Harwood, F.S.A., Cranoe Rectory.
Johnson, Wm., Esq., Saddington.
Lakin, Rev. J. M., Fleckney.
Latham, W., Esq., Melton Mowbray.
Macaulay, C. A., Esq., Leicester.
Pownall, The Ven. Archdeacon, F.S.A., South Kilworth, Rectory.
Richardson, Rev. F. H., R.D., Belgrave.
Whitby, Captain, Peckleton.

RULES.

1. That the Society be called "THE ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER."

2. That the objects of the Society be, to promote the study of Ecclesiastical Architecture, General Antiquities, and the Restoration of Mutilated Architectural Remains within the County; and to furnish suggestions, so far as may be within its province, for improving the character of Ecclesiastical Edifices, and for preserving all ancient remains which the Committee may consider of value and importance.

3. That the Society be composed of Patrons, President, Treasurer, and Secretaries; and Honorary and Ordinary Members.

4. That Members of the Society be privileged to propose new Members, either by letter or personally, to be elected at the Committee Meetings; and that Honorary Members shall be gentlemen who have either rendered signal service to the Society, or are specially learned in the subjects the study of which it is formed to encourage, and shall be nominated by the Committee at one of their Meetings, and proposed for election only at the General Annual Meeting of the Members to be held in the January of each year.

5. That Rural Deans within the County of Leicester be *ex officio* Members of the Committee, on their signifying an intention to become Members of the Society.

6. That each Member shall pay an Annual Subscription of Ten Shillings, to be due on the first day of January in each year.

7. That the affairs of the Society be conducted by a Committee composed of the Patrons, Presidents, Rural Deans (being Members), all Secretaries of the Society, all Professional Architects (being Members), all Honorary Members, and not less than twenty Ordinary Members, of whom four at least shall have been Members of the Committee of the preceding year.

8. That the Meetings of the Members be held on the last Monday of every alternate month; that one of such Meetings to be held in the month of January be considered the Annual General Meeting, at which the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be rendered and the Committee for the year be elected, and such new Rules or alterations in the Rules proposed and made as may be thought necessary: provided always that due notice of such new Rules or alteration in Rules be given by circular to each Member of the Society at least seven days before the Annual Meeting. That in addition to the Bi-Monthly Meetings —so including the Annual Meeting— Public Meetings for the reading of Papers, &c., may be held as provided for under Rule 11.

9. That the Committee (of whom five shall be a quorum) have power to add to their number, and to elect from the Society the requisite number of Secretaries.

10. That the members of the Commitee in any neighbourhood may associate other Members of the Society with themselves, and form Committees for Local Purposes in communication with the Central Committee.

11. That the Public Meetings of the Society be holden at such times and places as shall be appointed by the Committee.

12. That the Committee meet at the times and places which they may themselves appoint.

13. That the Secretaries be empowered, on the requisition of five Members of the Committee, to call a Special Meeting of the Society.

14. That Donations of Architectural and Antiquarian Books, Plans, &c., be received; that the Committee be em-

powered to make purchases and procure casts and drawings, which shall be under the charge of the Secretaries.

15. That when the Committee shall consider any Paper, which may have been read before the Society, worthy of being printed at its expense, they shall request the author to furnish a copy, and shall decide upon the number of copies to be printed, provided always that the number be sufficient to supply each Member with one copy, and the author with twenty-five copies. All other questions relating to publishing Plans and Papers, and illustrating them with engravings, shall be decided by the Committee.

16. That the Committee may every year publish, or join with other Architectural and Archæological Societies in publishing, for circulation among the Members, Transactions to contain descriptions and Papers connected with the objects of the Society.

17. That an application being made to any Member of the Committee, or to the Committee collectively, for the advice of the Society in the restoration of any Church, a Sub-Committee be appointed (of which the Incumbent or Resident Minister be one) to visit the Church, and submit a report in writing to the General Committee.

18. That all Plans for the building, enlargement, or restoration of churches, schools, &c., sent for the inspection of the Committee, be placed in the hands of one of the Secretaries of the Society, at least fourteen days before the Committee Meeting, for the Secretary to prepare a special report thereon.

19. That the Committee have power at any Meeting to make grants towards the objects of the Society, provided that if such grant—other than that for carrying out the objects contemplated in Rules 15 and 16—exceed 30s., notice be given in the circular or advertisement calling the Meeting.

The Bi-Monthly Meetings of the Society are held on the last Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November—the Meeting in January to be the General Meeting for the transaction of business.

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Essex Archæological Society's Transactions, 1855. Part 1. Vol. III.

Fletcher (Rev. W. G. Dimock, M.A.) Leicestershire Pedigrees and Royal Descents. 1887.

Kent Archæological Society, Transactions of the. Vol. XVI. 1886. Archæologia Cantiana.

Montgomeryshire, Collections Historical and Archæological relating to, 1885 to 1887. Vols. XIX, XX, and XXI. Part 1. Powys-land Club.

Oxford Architectural and Historical Society Transactions and Proceedings, No. 29. 1883.

Reliquary (The). Quarterly Archæological Journal and Review, Edited by Llewellyn Jewitt, F.S.A. Vols. XXV and XXVI. 1885-6. New Series, Nos. 1 and 2.

Shropshire Archæological and Natural History Society Transactions. Vols. IX and X. Parts 1 and 2. 1886-7.

Smith (A. C.) Guide to the British and Roman Antiquities of the North Wiltshire Downs. 1885.

Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society Proceedings. Vols. XXXI and XXXII.

Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Journal. Vols. IX and X. Parts 1 and 2. 1886-7.

NOTE.—The Society's Room is at Messrs. Clarke and Hodgson's, 5, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester, where the Library is kept, and is open daily for the use of Members. Any Member borrowing a book is requested to enter the title and date in the book provided for that purpose.

January 26th, 1886.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

was held in the Library of the Guild Hall, Leicester,

The Rev. J. E. Stocks in the chair.

A letter of apology for his non-attendance was read from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Leicester; and resignations were received from Messrs. G. B. Franklin and A. Wykes.

It was resolved that a drawing of the leaden Plaque exhibited by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Leicester, together with his account of the same, and the Rev. J. S. Watson's paper entitled "On a book of the fifteenth century, a specimen of early printing, with some remarks on the type then used," be published in the forthcoming volume of the Associated Societies' Reports and Papers. Also that a drawing of the Memorial Brass erected by the Society to the memory of the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., be published in this Society's Transactions.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society: Major George Paynter, J.P., Eaton, Grantham; Mr. George Spawton Catlow, Wyggeston's School, Leicester; and Mr. Matthew Pearson, of Frisby-on-the-Wreake.

The Vice-Presidents, Committee, Excursion Committee, and Auditor were re-elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Committee, Officers of the Society, and Auditor, for their services during the past year; to the Mayor of Leicester for the use of the Library for Meetings; and to the Press for reporting the proceedings of the Society.

The Report of the Committee, and the audited Financial Statement for the past year, were adopted and passed as follows:—

THE REPORT.

In placing before the Members of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society the Thirty-first Annual Report, it is again necessary to mention, first of all, the great loss which the Society has sustained in the deaths of Mr. Frederick Webster Ordish and Dr. John Hunt. Mr. Ordish was elected a Member on the 9th of September, 1856. The last work on which he was engaged was the beautiful design of a memorial brass recently erected by this Society to the memory of the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., in St. Martin's Church. Dr. Hunt, for many years, was a constant attendant at both Meetings and Excursions, and although for the last few years ill health prevented his coming amongst us, he always took the liveliest interest in the Society's welfare. During the past year the memorial brass to the memory of the late Thomas North, Esq., has been engraved by Messrs. Elgood at a cost of £35.

It is hoped that a drawing of the brass will be published in the Society's Transactions.

The following Papers have been read during the past year:—1. *Dean Swift's Mother*, by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher; 2. *A Biographical Notice of the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A.*, also by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher; 3. *Danish Place Names in Leicestershire*, by Mr. Thomas Carter, L.L.B.; and 4. *On a Book of the Fifteenth Century, a specimen of Early Printing, with Some Remarks on the type then used*, by the Rev. J. S. Watson. It is much to be hoped that next year more Papers will be read by Members, the titles of which should be sent to Mr. Freer at least one week before the Meeting. Among the interesting objects exhibited at the bi-monthly Meetings may be mentioned a silver tankard, seventeenth century, given to Admiral Cramp by Peter the Great; a collection of Saxon beads, found at Saddington; a leaden plaque of the sixteenth century, a fuller account of which will be found in our Transactions; two ivory plaques of the seventeenth century; and several valuable coins and medals. The Committee deeply regret the demolition of *Westcotes* which has recently taken place, in spite of their efforts to induce the owner to preserve it. The following resolution was passed at the Meeting in March, a copy of which was sent to Mr. Harris:—"That this Meeting learns with much regret that it is intended to pull down Westcotes, and most earnestly requests its present owner not to destroy the only remaining historical mansion in Leicester." A large piece of Roman pavement was discovered near the river in Blackfriars Street, not far from, and possibly a portion of the Roman villa, part of which is in existence in sites in Jewry Wall Street, further particulars of which will be published in due course.

The new church of *St. John the Baptist, Knighton*, erected by Miss Barlow, of Leicester, at a cost of £8,000—the site and fittings, costing £2,500, having been raised by the parish—was consecrated by the Bishop of Peterborough, on September 17th. The church was built from the designs of Messrs. Goddard and Paget, of Leicester. The exterior of this church has the massive and somewhat severe aspect of churches in the north of France that were built in the early part of the thirteenth century. The general materials of the walls are bright red sandbrick from Woodville, and this is relieved by an abundant use of Westwood stone for the arches, jambs, strings, bands, weatherings, copings, and the faces of all buttresses. The roof is covered with red Broseley tiles, and surmounted by a leaden flêche. The windows are plain lancets, or consist of plate tracery, and are filled with pale cathedral glass in small squares. There are two public entrances on the north side, and one at the west end. The north-west and west doorways open into a narthex, divided from the nave by an arcade of fine pointed arches, and spanned by cross arches carrying the stone floor of a gallery above. The walls are lined internally with white Whitwick bricks, banded with buff, from Ruabon; the stone is from Corsham Downs. The cross section of the church presents some unusual features. An arcade is carried along each side of the nave, supported by circular stone pillars with a slender shaft attached. Each arcade has an upper range of lofty pointed arches, which rise almost to the springing of the roof, and at a lower level an equal number of flat segmental arches, which carry the floor and parapet of a gallery or triforium, that runs round the church. The outer wall of the gallery on each side contains lofty two-light windows. Beneath the gallery floor, this wall is carried on circular stone pillars and segmental arches, similar to those already mentioned, and these arches open into a narrow ambulatory outside the main walls. The galleries in continuation of the triforia project into the chancel on each side, and are carried by screen walls finished with an enriched stone parapet. The piscina, credence table, and sedilia are in the south screen near the east end, and are of fine alabaster, as is also the font. At the west end of the north chancel-screen, and facing the nave, is the pulpit. This is of stone, and an integral part of the

fabric, and is of suitable height for a preacher to command the galleries. The organ-chamber is behind the north gallery of the chancel, and on a level with it. The clergy vestry is placed beneath the organ-chamber, and the vestries for choristers adjoin the chancel. The east end consists of an outer and inner wall, with a space of four feet between them. This space is occupied on the ground floor by the ambulatory, and on a higher level by a continuation of the gallery, both of which make the complete circuit of the church. The roofs are simple in design and constructed in red deal, left unstained and without decoration. The passages are laid with oak blocks, and the spaces with blocks of red deal. The chancel steps are of red Devonshire marble, and the spaces are filled with glass mosaic. The nave is provided with fixed benches of pitch-pine, stained dark. Chairs will be used in other parts of the church. There is a range of large capitals to the upper tier of arches of the nave, and the chancel arch springs from similar capitals. These have been excellently cut by Mr. Harry Hems, of Exeter, in the bold, yet delicate style of the period. The capitals and responds of the narthex, the font, sedilia, credence table, and stalls are also carved. The total internal length of the church from east to west is 132 feet, and the width across the nave, aisles, and ambulatories 50 ft. 9 in. The height from the floor of the nave to the ridge is 60 ft., and to the top of nave 90 ft. At *Ashby Folville* the chancel has been re-floored, and the east window and six others re-glazed with coloured glass. *St. Peter's Church, Braunstone*, was re-opened on the 29th of June, by Bishop Mitchinson. The nave and chancel have been re-seated and re-floored, and the tower arch has been thrown open. At *Kirby Bellars* the church was re-opened on July 9th. The roof has been thoroughly repaired, the interior walls pointed, and the floor repaired with wood. The tower, south aisle, and porch are, however, still unrestored. In *Leicester* a vicarage house has been built at *St. Nicholas'*, and two Roman pillars found in Holy-bones have been placed in the churchyard; and at *St. Saviour's* the west windows have been filled with stained glass as a memorial to the Rev. F. P. B. N. Hutton, the first vicar. Two new stained glass windows have been placed in the chancel of *St. Peter's Church*. The new church of *St. Barnabas*, in the parish of *Humberstone*, is in course of erection, and will shortly be consecrated. The architects are Messrs. Goddard and Paget. The foundation stone of *St. Michael's, Belgrave*, was laid last autumn by the Bishop of Peterborough. The architect is Mr. Vialls. At *Melton Mowbray* £400 has been raised by subscription, and the roof of the north transept of this grand old church has been thoroughly repaired. The whole roof is now in thorough order. The work has been carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. Thompson, of Peterborough. The tower of *Queniborough Church* has been repaired, and the church at *Somerby* has been restored at a cost of nearly £700. The Committee congratulate the Society upon having secured the able services of the Rev. Wm. Geo. Dimock Fletcher as Editorial Secretary, and hope that he will for many years continue to fill that responsible position.

In pursuance of a Resolution passed at the May Meeting, the Annual Excursion to *Lichfield* took place on the 26th of June last, when a fair number of members and their friends went to Lichfield by the 10.15 train. On arrival the party visited *St. Chad's Church*, where they inspected the repairs then going on, and after luncheon at the George the members went to the *Cathedral*, where they were met by the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, who kindly went round the building and minutely pointed out the chief objects of interest. They also inspected the remains of the *Grey Friars*, the *Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Dr. Johnson's House and Monument*, and *Mr. Bridgeman's Sculpture Works*. The excursion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
1885.				
Jan. 1.	Balance from last Account	169	11	9
	Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year ..	89	10	6
		£259	2	3
1886.				
Jan. 1.	Balance in hand	£132	3	11

Payments.	£	s.	d.
1885.			
Printing and Publishing Transactions; Williamson, share of Annual Volume; New Books, Periodicals, Book-binding, &c. ..	84	19	10
Advertising	4	16	6
Thomas Ellgood, for Memorial Brass in St. Martin's Church to the late Thomas North, Esq., F.S.A., Hon. Sec. to the Society ..	35	0	0
Sundries, postages, &c. ..	2	2	0
Balance in hand	132	3	11
	£259	2	3

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) THOMAS HOLYLAND.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By Mr. W. J. Freer: A small piece of the Roman pavement found in Sarah Street, and a plan of all the pavement found, kindly prepared by the architect, T. P. Bown, Esq., whose generous offer to make a finished drawing of the same was accepted with thanks.

By Mr. S. Knight: An old Indian scale and weight.

By R. F. Martin, Esq. (through the Hon. Secretary): A grant of lands at Anstey, from the Duchy of Lancaster.

The great land owner of Anstey at the time of the Domesday Book was *Hugo de Grentemaisnell*, and the value of the place was then forty shillings. The villages and the lands adjoining anciently belonged to the Earls of Leicester, and Robert Fitz Parnell, Earl of Leicester, gave twenty-four virgates of land in Anstey to the Leicester Abbey—which corporation were very large land owners in the neighbourhood. Their property in Anstey was held by them till the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539, when the Duchy of Lancaster resumed possession of the land. The land remained in the Crown until the year 1606, when it was traced to some freeholders of Anstey by the accompanying indentures. On July 1st, 1609, the Crown parted with its property in Anstey to different yeomen of the village, and thus severed all connection with the Abbey and its lands. It is remarkable, however, that an old oak tree in the middle of one of the fields is still called the "Abbot's oak," and it is possible that this tree may have been

standing when the field was Abbey land. The accompanying deed is remarkable as being signed on behalf of the Duchy of Lancaster, by *Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury*, and now that another Cecil, Marquis of Salisbury, is Prime Minister of England, it may be of interest to see the signature of his illustrious ancestor.

March 29th, 1886.

The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., in the chair.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By The Ven. Archdeacon Pownall (through the Hon. Secretary): A Spanish dollar, with the following remarks:—About two hundred years ago a Dutch vessel, named the Haarlem, laden with treasure, was running into Table Bay (Cape of Good Hope), during a storm, when she was wrecked, and went down in deep water with all on board. Last year, just about this time, Colonel Boyle, an officer on the Staff in the Queen's forces in that Colony, employed a diver to go down at the spot where the vessel sank, who presently brought to the surface a piece of conglomerate, which, when broken up, was found to contain ninety Spanish dollars similar to that which is exhibited now. All of them were the worse for their long detention under the sea, but this one is fairly legible. It bears the usual device on one side, a cross potent, in the quarters of which are the "castle" and "lion" (Castile and Leon), and on the other the two "pillars of Hercules," with the legend, PLVS VLTRA—an allusion to the South American possessions of Spain, which is said to have been first suggested to the Emperor Charles V. as a legend pertinent and significant. Judging by the workmanship the coin was probably struck in Peru rather than in Spain. Spanish dollars countermarked with a small head of George III., were used in England in the early part of this century, and passed as crown-pieces.

By the Rev. C. Henton Wood: Several coins, including a token of "Walsall and Wedgebury," of 1656, a token of Nottingham of Thos. Burrowse, or Browse, of the seventeenth century, date defaced; two silver pennies of Henry III.; one small tradesman's token; a Nuremberg token; and eight small brass Roman coins.

By Captain Whitby: Cast of ancient seal of Henry II., found in a ploughed field about thirty years ago, at Barnby-on-the-Moor, Yorkshire. The figure of the King on horseback with the legend RX HENRICUS DUX NORMANORI ET AQUITANORI ET COMES ANDEGU.

The seal is believed now to be in the British Museum. Also a fine pewter Communion flagon, dated 1747.

By the CHAIRMAN : Four ancient books—a Hebrew and Chaldee dictionary published at Bissill, in 1617, by Johannis Buxtorfs ; a "Treatise on Melancholy," 1586, by T. Bright, M.D., printed by Vantrol ; a book entitled "Benedicti Pererii Valentini e Societate Jesu," 1592, printed at Lugdum ; and a book entitled "Locorum Communium S. Theologiæ," 1608, printed in London. These books formerly belonged to the Rev. Jno. Kendall, vicar of Thornton (1691), who married the daughter of Thos. Errick, of Frisby. The family of Kendall is of great antiquity in the county of Leicester, and is descended from John Kendall, of Twycross, *temp.* Henry VI.

By MR. G. C. NEALE. Two small ancient pictures in water colours on vellum, beautifully and very minutely executed, by Konig, Dutch School, representing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the Deluge ; they were painted about the middle of the seventeenth century.

It was proposed that the Society should for their Annual Excursion this year visit the Cathedral and city of Lincoln, and that it should take place about the end of May or beginning of June. It was ultimately referred to the excursion Sub-Committee.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

May 31*st*, 1886.

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON POWNALL, F.S.A., in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary reported that no communication had been made with respect to the Annual Meeting ; and it was decided that he should write to the Secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Architectural Society, and ascertain the date of their Meeting at Lincoln, and ask whether they could allow the Members of this Society to join them.

The CHAIRMAN read the following communication from Dr. Evans, President of the Society of Antiquaries, as to the preservation of the Court Rolls, and other Manorial Documents :—The vast amount of light which the ancient Court Rolls and other Deeds appertaining to the numerous manors in this country throw upon the habits and civilization, and the legal and social condition of its inhabitants, render them of great historical interest and importance. In questions of genealogy their value is self-evident ; but in tracing out the development and gradual growth of those

institutions, under which this country has so long flourished, the aid that they may afford to the student can hardly be over-estimated. The importance of preserving such documents has not, however, been always apparent to those who have had them under their charge; and many a bundle of Rolls has been consigned to destruction merely because at the present day they have become obsolete as legal documents, have been difficult to decipher, or have cumbered the space at the disposal of their custodians. The Society of Antiquaries of London is anxious that steps should be taken, while yet there is time, for the preservation of Court Rolls and other Manorial Records, and is confident that if the attention of Lords and Stewards of Manors be called to the historical value of such documents they will readly assist in protecting them from injury, either by depositing them in some public repository, or preserving them with their other muniments.

It was Resolved that the Hon. Sec. communicate with the Society of Antiquaries for additional copies of the Memorandum, and forward them to the various Stewards of Manors in the county.

The Chairman alluded very feelingly to the recent loss the Society had sustained by the death of Captain Whitby, who was an active member of the Committee, and a frequent exhibitor at the meetings of the Society.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. C. H. Wood: An officer's gorget of the old Leicester or local Volunteers; copper, gold-plated, small in size, bearing L.V. in a circle over the Royal Arms (impaling France in second quarter and probably Hanover in fourth quarter), with the letters G.R. Also (on behalf of Sherrard Coleman, Esq.): A curious pack of cards, with linen backs, the whole representing a satire on the South Sea Bubble. Each card bears in the top left-hand corner a small coloured playing card, with a legend of four lines of rude verse along the bottom, and a picture relating thereto; the words of the speakers being displayed on labels held in the hand. The pack is perfect, and calls to mind "Punch's" satire on the Railway Mania. Some few of the allusions are coarse, and in one or two the devil is introduced. The engravings remind me of the illustrations to an old copy of "Gil Blas" which I once possessed. Size of cards $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. A beautiful silver book cover of filagree work, with clasps, $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with a boss on the centre of each side, apparently intended to hold an almanack, and containing one for A.D. 1758. The cover is yellow watered silk or plush outside, and inside bound with red paper with letters and curious figures in gold fragments of a large illuminated sheet. It is the "London Almanack for ye year of Christ 1758," on a circle surrounding the City Arms. Printed

for the Stationers' Company. The table of contents is as follows: "The Almanack explained. Note, that under the title of every month is ye change of ye moon, and every month contains four columns: 1. Days of ye month; 2. Days of ye week; 3. Saints' days, &c.; 4. Time of high water at London Bridge." Four pages are occupied by a continuous engraving of the inside of the church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, Sir Christopher Wren architect. It is apparently partly pannelled in oak, and lighted by small round windows. The next page, a coat of arms, probably Stationers' Company, and a table of common notes taken from the calendar. After twelve pages of months there follows a table of Kings and Queens reigns, with their respective durations in years, months, and days. There is no reference to Cromwell and the Rebellion, and it ends with George II., whom God preserve, published in the thirty-first year of his reign. Then follows a list of Lord Mayors and Sheriffs from 1733 to 1758; and lastly, a table exhibiting at one view the value of Portugal pieces in English money, the gold pieces being of the respective values of £3 12s., £1 16s., 18s., and £1 7s., but their names are not given. The sheets appear to have been printed on one side only, and the pages pasted back to back. The birthdays of the Royal Princes are noted, and the morrows and octaves of certain holy days are indicated by "cras" and "oct." The increase and decrease of days and the clock fast or slow are given. There are no "marks" on the dainty silver cover, which is probably Indian workmanship, or Maltese.—A silver pill box, with four partitions and place in the lid for a piece of plaister or lint; size $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 by $\frac{5}{8}$ inches. It is not hall marked, and "G. Peake, surgeon," is engraved on the lid. Two fine spoons, early rat-tailed patterns, flat stems, the broad ends cleft into three, marked with owner's initals E.P., maker's mark W.S. on a long scutcheon; seventeenth century type (see Cripps p. 176). Date 1696; the two other marks are nearly defaced on each spoon. One spoon of similar character, initials I.H., ornamented in low relief, the rat-tail very pronounced. The whole very slightly worn; three marks apparently Norwegian.—Also (on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Renals, London Road): An oval tortoiseshell snuff box, mounted in silver, with Queen Anne medal inserted in lid and bottom. Inscription on rim: "Presented by Mr. John Skidmore to his son John Skidmore." And an enamelled snuff-box, one enamelled etui or casket (top missing), holding two scent bottles and a funnel for filling the same, mounted and inlaid with silver, beautifully painted; on one side a dog pointing at game, on the other a dog carrying off a loaf from a table, on the ends and bottom flowers.

By Mr. G. C. Neale: An ivory carving, large plaque, very old Italian solid ebony carved frame, subject, "Adam and Eve being tempted by the serpent," who appears in a tree laden with fruit.

A skull representing death lies at their feet. The full length figures of Adam and Eve are very correctly posed, and anatomy fine. The hand of Eve holding the apple is unfortunately broken off.

By The Rev. A. Trollope: A deed granting land in the parish of Clivedon, to St. Andrew's Church in that place and to the Augustine canons of Bristol, by William of Ken, of Clivedon. Seal attached bearing a fleur-de-lis, and this inscription, "Sigil Wili de Clivedon."—Three documents relating to the ancient family of Lucas, of Fenton, county of Lincoln. 1. In Latin, grant of lands in Fenton, made over by John Thorpe, yeoman of Fenton, to Brian Lucas, gent., of the same place, A.D. 1590. 2. In English, a schedule of those lands. 3. Certificate issued by the committee for compounding with delinquents, dated 27th February, 1648, showing that Timothy Lucas, of Fenton, Esquire, had compounded for his estates by paying to the commissioner a fine for being a delinquent. He to remain undisturbed in future provided he takes out a pardon under the great seal. Amongst the signatures of the other commissioners who signed this document is that of Christopher Packe, afterwards Lord Mayor of London, and ancestor of Hussey Packe, Esq., of Prestwold. Timothy Lucas was grandson of Brian Lucas, from which latter, Richard Lucas, Esq., of Fenton, county of Lincoln, and Edith Weston, Rutland, is the ninth in direct descent.

By the Chairman: A bronze medal by Antonio Pollainolo—1433-1498.

When Vasari, the biographer of the Italian sculptors and painters, wrote the life of Antonio Pollainolo, he mentions his skill in producing medals, which in that period was almost a new art in Italy. After enumerating many of his more important works, Vasari says, "There are several beautiful medals by Antonio, amongst others, one representing the conspiracy of the Pazzi. The heads of Lorenzo and Giuliano de Medici are seen on one side, and on the reverse is the Choir of Santa Maria del Fiore, with the whole of that event, exactly as it occurred." This was Vasari's description, in the sixteenth century; and to-day I am able to exhibit an example of the medal itself. The conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of Giuliano de Medici was the work of the Pazzi family, 1478; it was a revolt in Florence against the growing power of the Medici; but it failed, for Lorenzo escaped, and took vengeance on the assassins of his brother. The medal measures in diameter $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and is very rare. It represents, on one side, an octagonal scaffolding within the Duomo; above is the head of Lorenzo de Medici, looking to the right. Below, priests are ministering at an altar, and outside the enclosure made by the scaffolding are seen the conspirators, with swords drawn; Lorenzo is escaping. The words LAVRENTIVS MEDICES are on

either side of the head, and beneath it SALVS PVBLICA. On the reverse there is a similar scene, but with the head of Giuliano de Medici looking to the left, with the words IVLIANVS MEDICES, and beneath LVCTVS PVBLICVS. On the ground is the body of Giuliano, struck down by the conspirators, and a group of men armed with daggers are fighting. The author of this medal has been called the precursor of Michael Angelo, for the vigour and correctness of his studies in the nude. Vasari tells us that he was the first artist who practised dissection for the purpose of improving his anatomical knowledge.

The REV. W. G. DIMOCK FLETCHER contributed the following Paper (which was read for him by the Hon. Secretary) on

THOMAS DAVENPORT, MAYOR OF LEICESTER, 1553-4.

THE Will of this Mayor, which is here set forth in full and has not before been printed, is preserved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and is of some interest. Of his ancestry nothing whatever is known. Davenport is not a Leicestershire patronymic. A family of the name resided at Great Wigston as early as the sixteenth century, being descended from one Richard Davenport, who was living at Great Wigston 1570, served the office of Church-warden there 1611, and died in 1623. And another family of the name resided at Belgrave about the same time. These were, however, both probably Cheshire families; and there is no proof that the Mayor belonged to either family.

But few facts are known about his life. He was a merchant of the staple of Calais, and resided in the parish of S. Martin, Leicester. The Churchwardens' Accounts of this church show that in the first year of the reign of King Edward VI., A.D. 1547, he purchased of the Churchwardens and other influential persons connected with S. Martin's a tabernacle for the sum of 3s. 4d., two vestments for 6s. 8d., certain altar-cloths for 12s., and an altar-cloth of red velvet and white damask for 17s. He also seems to have secured the consecrated altar-stone, and to have carefully preserved it in his house; for, on the accession of Queen Mary in 1553-4, during his mayoralty, when the pre-Reformation religion was restored, we find that this altar-stone was carried from his house to the church, and again set up in its original position. So that it appears extremely probable that he was one of those persons who secretly during the reign of Edward VI. clung to the form of worship they had been used to from their childhood, and who on the accession of Mary rejoiced at its restoration. (See *North's Chronicle of S. Martin's*, 128-9.) He evidently took a great interest in the affairs of the church, for he was present at every Easter Vestry, except in 1555, from 1547 to 1558. He did not

live to see the reformation brought about by the accession of Elizabeth to the throne; but died somewhere about June 1558, only a few months before the death of Queen Mary, and was buried in the Rood Chapel in S. Martin's before his seat there, when £3 was distributed amongst the poor, and 12s. paid for ringing bells at his funeral.

His wife Mary, daughter of Henry Barnes, of London, survived him, but died in 1564. His children were Henry, Dorothy, Katharine, and Jane; of whom Henry and Jane alone were living and were under age in October 1564. He also had two sisters, Elizabeth and Alice. The latter paid 8d. in 1564-5 to the Churchwardens for ringing bells at Mrs. Mary Davenport's funeral, but was herself buried 10 May 1571 at S. Martin's.

By his Will, he directed his body to be buried in the Rood Chapel in S. Martin's before his seat there; and bequeathed legacies to the mother church of Lincoln, to the high altar of S. Martin's, to amending the bridges and highways about Leicester, to the poor men's box in the new bede-house, to the box in the old bede-house, and to the widows of St. John's. As will be seen, he appears to have left a considerable estate. The extracts from the Parish Registers and Churchwardens' Accounts of S. Martin's appended, with the Will, tell us nearly all that we know about Thomas Davenport.

His name is variously spelt in the Accounts and Registers, Davenport, Davinport, Davynport, Dampart, Damparte, Damport, Damporte, Damparde, Dompord, &c. But he signed it "Thom's Davenport" in 1555.

Appendix.

Churchwardens' Accounts of S. Martin's, Leicester.

1546-7.	Solde to Mast^{r}. Daueport ffor a tabernacle ...	iij*s.*	iiij*d.*
1547-8.	It'm recevyd of Mr. Dauport for ij vestmentes	vj*s.*	viij*d.*
	It'm rec' of Mr. Dauport for altar clothes ...	xij*s.*	
	It'm rec' of the same for altar clothe of Redd velvet & Whyt damaske	xvij*s.*	
1550-1.	Itm̃ rec' of Mr. Davenport for hys chyld, iij belles		viij*d.*
1552-3.	Recevid ye xxvj day of May at ye buriall of Mr. Dampartes chylde for iij belles		viij*d.*
1553-4.	It'm pd. for the carryeng of the altar ston for Mr. Mayres house to the churche		iiij*d.*
	It'm pd. for a busshell of lyme for the alt^{r}...		x*d.*
	It' pd. for ij me' for beryng ston to ye alt^{r} ...		xvj*d.*
	It'm pd. to rouland Waygh for ij days work about the alt^{r}		xvj*d.*

1553-4.	It'm to Robt. sekerston for iiij days work in the churche & about the same alt^{r}	xviij*d.*
1558-9.	rec' for Mr. Davynport	xij*s.*
	rec' for iij belles for Mrs. Davportes chyld ...	viij*d.*
	rec' for a rynnyng for Mr. Damport	iij*s.* iiij*d.*
1564-5.	Receved of Misteris Ales Dompord for iij bales	viij*d.*

Parish Register of S. Martin's, Leicester.

Burials.	1563.	Aug. 20.	Elizabeth Dixon, servant to Mrs. Ales Davinporte.
	1571.	May 10.	Alice Damport bur.
Marriage.	1559.	June 26.	Nicholas Englishe & Marye Damport.

Copy of Will.

In the Name of the high and mooste blessed Trinitie Amen. I Thomas Damporte of the Towne of Leicestr and of the Staple at Callais Marchaunt being in good helthe and hole in mynde and memorye make this my last Wille and Testament in man' and fourme following that is to say: Whan it shall please allmighti God to call me to his mercy I bequeathe my soule to his mercifull goodness beseeching him to receyue it into the nombr of them that shalbe saved and to be one of the partakers of the merites of his blessed passion and my bodie I bequeathe to the erthe and to be buryed in the place appointed for burying whenvr it shall please God to take me to his mercye wt'in this Towne of Leicestr. Thenne I wille my bodie to be buried in my Parishe Churche in the Roode Chappell in Saincte Martins before my seate here. Item I bequeath for my obsequies and buriall vj*li.* wherof three pounds to be geven to poore folke the daye of my buriall at the discreacion of myne executours. Item To our mother Churche of Lincoln xij*d.* To the high aulter of Saincte Martins xij*d.* Item I geve towardes thamending of bridges and hie waies about Leicestr the whiche to be doon at the sight of myn executours v*li.* Itm I geve to my twoo prentices Harrye and Thomas to evrye of them xl*s.* a piece. Item I geve to my twoo sisters Elizabeth and Alice to evrye of them x*li.* apeece. Item I geve to every man s^{r}unte and maid s^{r}unte that I shalhave in my house the daye of my departing vj*s.* viij*d.* the pece. Item I geve to the poore mens boxe in the newe bedhouse x*s.* and to the boxe in the old beadehouse vj*s.* viij*d.* Item to the Widowes of Saincte Jones I geve iij*s.* iiij*d.* Item I give to Thomas Walker of London Murchaunt of the Staple at Callice one pece of fyne golde called haulf anolde soveraine and the best gowne that I shall have the day of my departing and to eu'ye of his children eu'ye one of them vj*s.* viij*d.* a peace. Item

I geve unto my wife in readye monney *cli.* and all my landes that I have purchaced the tyme and so longe as she shall keepe her widowe or unmarried and one yere after she is married and then I will my said landes as followeth that is to saye I give to Harry my sonne the house I now dwell in wt the orchard dove-houses cloase the barne yard kidhouses gardens chambres and howsinges wt all other to the same belonging and also to the said Henrye my sonne I geve in ready money *lli.* and thouse at the north side my house in tholding of John Carris^{r} wt all the appurtennces to the same belonging And to the saide Harrye one litill house of the west side my house now in my hands somtyme in thands of Thomas Leic' wt all suche leases and tacke that I shalhave at the day of my departing saving my wife to have all such leases so long as she is wedowe unmarried. Item I geve to Dorothee my daughter in ready money xxx*li.* and one house now in the holding of Thomas Leic' Fletcher with all the appurtennces to the same belonging. Item I geve unto Joane my daughter xxx*li.* in ready money and one house now in the holding of William Seymor with all thappurtennces to the same belonging. Item I geve unto Jane my daughter in readye mouney xxx*li.* and one house of the este side of my house in the holding of William Rivett and leased to Maister Mambee with thappurtennces to the said Jane and her heirs of her bodye lawfully begotten. And to the foresaid Henry Dorothe and Katherine and to their heires of their bodies lawfully begotten all the landes to them bequeathed. And if it fortune of any of thaforesaid Harry Dorothee Katherine or Jane to departe this world afore they be marryed or come to lawful age or w^{t}out heires that thenne their landes and parties of monney to be divided amongsthe rest living. And for lacke of heires of their bodies lawfully begotten to goe to my twoo sist^{s} and their heires and for lacke of them to the next of my kynne heir male. Item I geve to Maister Barnes of London my father in lawe for a remembrance xl*s.* and to Willm Edward and Elizabeth his children evrye one of them x*s.* a peece. Item I give unto John Eyreeke x*s.* and the best jackett that I shalhave at the day of my departing. Item I geve unto Sr Thomas Thorpe in redye money xx*s.* The rest of my goodes my dettis paid my will p'formed I will to be divided into twoo parties thone half I give unto my wife and thother half unto my children Harrye Dorothea Katherine and Jane saving that all ymplementis of my house as bourdes shelfis fourmes tables stooles leades cesternes and other implementes I give to Harrye my sonne when he shall entre of the house. And of this my last Wille and Testament I ordaine and constitute my father in lawe Mr. Barnes and my wife myne Executors, and Sr Walter Browne and Mr. John Erick Overseers of the same. In witness wherof I have written this wt myn owne hand and subscribed my name and setto my seale the xiiij*th* daye of Decembr in the yere of our Lorde God M^{l}V.C. lvj*to.*

The Will was proved in P.C.C. on 6th July 1558 by Mary Damporte widow and executrix, power reserved to Henry Barnes to administer. Administration de bonis non was granted 20th October 1564 to William Barnes uncle of Henry Damporte and Jane Damporte, children of the testator, during their minority, Mary Damporte the widow and executrix having died.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Meeting for 1886 was held at Lincoln, on Wednesday, the 30th of June, and Thursday, the 1st of July, 1886, when a small party of our members joined the members of the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Architectural and Archæological Society.

Wednesday, 30th June.

After Morning Service in the Minster at ten o'clock, a Meeting was held in the Chapter House, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Nottingham. The Precentor of Lincoln delivered a preliminary lecture on the Architectural History of the Minster, and afterwards conducted the party round the Church. In the afternoon, after luncheon, which was provided in the County Assembly Rooms, various places of interest in Lincoln were visited, including the Roman Portico, Bailgate, the Jew's House, John of Gaunt's stables, the Churches of St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Mary-le-Wigford, the Old Palace, the Vicar's Court, &c. In the evening, after Dinner, a Meeting was held in the County Assembly Rooms, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln in the Chair, when after the President's opening address, a paper by M. H. Bloxam, Esq., F.S.A., on "The Tombs in Lincoln Cathedral," was read for him in his absence, also a paper by the Rev. F. G. Browne, B.D., on "The Pre-Norman Sculptured Stones of Lincoln."

Thursday, 1st July.

On the second day the members left Lincoln at half-past nine, and went by carriage to several Lincolnshire Churches and places of interest, which were well described by the Lord Bishop of Nottingham, whose most interesting description will be found in the *Associated Societies' Reports and Papers.* The first place visited was

Canwick.

The Church is dedicated to All Saints', and was originally a small Norman structure, consisting of a nave, tower, north aisle, and chancel, of the earlier part of the twelfth century. Of this the aisle, arcade, and chancel arch are the principal remaining features.

Of the Early English period, there is an arch lately opened in the north wall of the chancel, formerly opening into a chantry chapel now represented by the vestry, within which is an Early English reredos. Of the Decorated period are two large three-light windows in the south wall of the nave, and a two-light window in the tower. The font is chiefly Early English, and is perhaps made up of portions of two fonts. The rest of the fabric is modern.

Branston,

also dedicated to All Saints', has a very early Norman tower, with long and short work, an Early English chancel and chancel arch, and Perpendicular clerestory and roof. In the north aisle is a fine monument to Sir Cecil Wray, 13th Bart. of Glentworth, and M.P., who died in 1805; also some memorials of the Bertie family; and a Purbeck marble stone, incised with a beautiful cross, and bearing this inscription,—"Ici gist Sir Richard de Thiselton iadis person de ceste este eglise."

Nocton,

a new church, dedicated to All Saints', and built partly by the late Countess of Ripon, and partly by the present Earl de Grey, in the style of the close of the thirteenth century, Sir Gilbert Scott being the architect.

Dunston

was next visited. Of the ancient building only the arch of the porch, the tower, and a decorated monument now remain. The whole of the remainder was erected in 1876, chiefly at the cost of the Marquess of Ripon. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. In this parish stands Dunston Pillar, built in 1751 by Francis Dashwood, to serve as a beacon to travellers crossing Lincoln Heath.

Blankney.

St. Oswald's Church was mostly rebuilt about sixty years ago, and again, excepting the tower and its Early English arcades, in 1880. In the pavement of the chancel is a fourteenth century sepulchral slab to "John de Glori." There are also costly monuments to the late Lady Florence Chaplin.

The Hall was also visited, and the yearlings paraded on the lawn.

After luncheon, the party proceeded to

Navenby.

The Church, dedicated to St. Peter, consists of a tower erected to replace a tower and spire which fell in the last century, a nave,

north and south aisles, south porch, chancel, organ chamber, and vestry. The oldest feature of the church is the extremely beautiful westernmost pillar of the north aisle, which is Early English. The rest of the aisle arcades are Decorated. These are surmounted by a Perpendicular clerestory, with five lights on either side, and a richly pannelled and embattled parapet above. The chancel arch is Early English, and has very slender heel-shaped piers, and a wide and lofty arch. The chancel is grand, but disproportionately large as compared with the nave; the builder of it is unknown by name, but his remains lie beneath a beautiful monument on the north side, east of which is a receptacle for an Easter sepulchre. The party then proceed to

Somerton Castle.

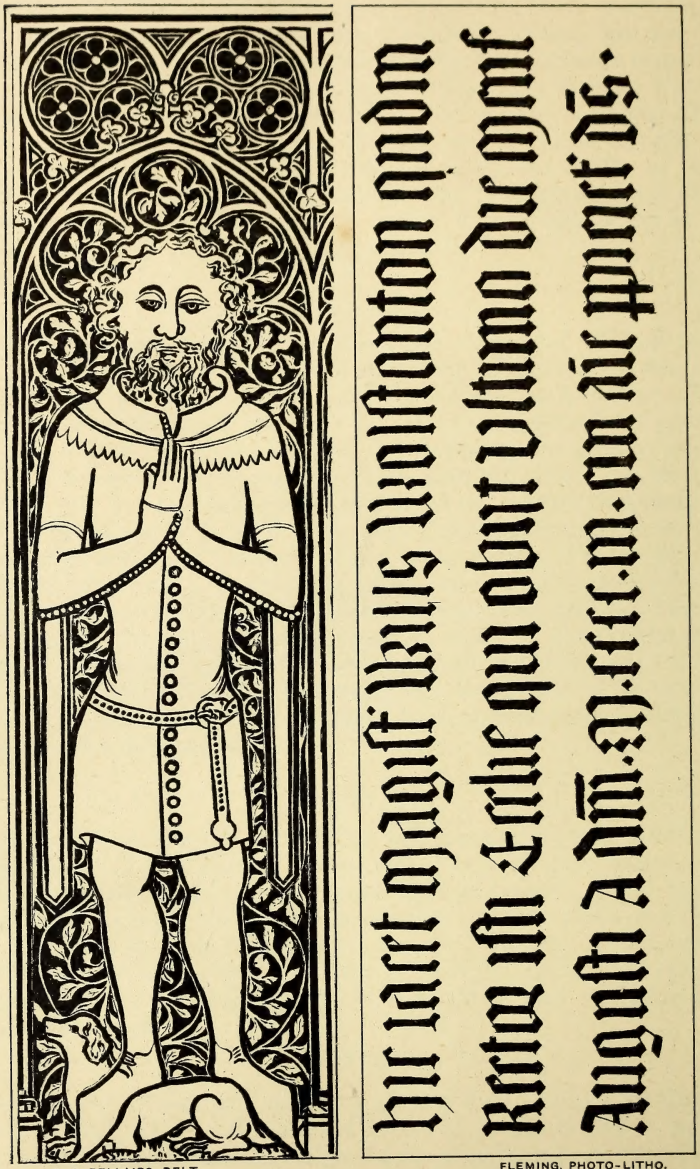
This was built by Anthony Beke, the celebrated Bishop of Durham, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and King of Man. He was a younger son of Walter Beke, Lord of Eresby; and brother of Thomas Beke, Bishop of St. David's. He took a prominent part in the Scotch wars of Edward I., bringing in person five hundred horse and one thousand foot to help the King. He died in 1310, and was buried above the high altar in Durham Cathedral. The Castle was built in 1281, two years before Anthony Beke was consecrated Bishop of Durham. Here John, King of France, who had been captured at Poictiers in 1356, was confined under the custody of Lord D'Eyncourt from 4th August 1359 until the 14th of February following, when he was conveyed to the Tower of London. Somerton Castle was three hundred and thirty feet long and one hundred and eighty feet wide, and was defended at each angle by a circular tower three storeys high, and surmounted by a plain parapet and conical roof.

Coleby

Church, dedicated to All Saints', has a Norman tower, with a well-proportioned Perpendicular spire, and Early English chancel. The north aisle arcade is of a later Norman period. Over the south porch is a parvise or priest's chamber. In the north wall of the chancel is an arch, that once opened into a chantry chapel, and in the opposite wall is the later arch of another chapel. In 1864 a west gallery, and high pews, were removed, and the church greatly improved.

Harmston

Church, also All Saints', has a very ancient tower, built soon after the Conquest. It forms one of a group of coeval towers in and about Lincoln and Grimsby, all of which were built soon after the Conquest, probably by Saxon masons working under Norman



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Palimpsest Brass, from Great Bowden Church, Leicestershire.

SIZE OF ORIGINAL 17in. × 5in.

architects. The Church was rebuilt in 1717, and again thoroughly restored in 1868.

WADDINGTON,

dedicated to St. Michael, was the last Church visited. It has twelfth century aisle arcades each of three bays and chancel arch. The font is of the same period. The tower was rebuilt in the last century, not on the site of the former one, but within the westernmost bay of the nave. The oak pulpit is of the time of James I. The communion plate is dated 1669. The gallery at the west end, high pews, &c., were taken down in 1867. On the north wall of the chancel is a monument commemorating the Rev. D. G. Barnard, a former rector, son-in-law of Peter Heylin, and one of the authors of his life.

In the evening a Meeting was held in the County Assembly Rooms, the Lord Bishop of Nottingham in the chair, when Papers were read by Precentor Venables on "A passage in the Annals of Lincoln Minster during the Episcopate of John of Buckingham," and by the Rev. A. R. Maddison, F.S.A., on "Lincoln Cathedral Choir during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries." Mr. James Thropp gave a most interesting description of the ancient boat which had lately been discovered near Brigg. With a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

July 27th, 1886.

No Meeting was held, there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum.

September 27th, 1886.

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON POWNALL, F.S.A., in the chair.

The following antiquities &c. were exhibited:—

By the REV. PHILIP STOCKS: A small Palimpsest brass-plate, taken from before the high altar in Great Bowden Church, three months ago, before the work of repair and restoration there now in progress was commenced. The inscription upon it in Latin is to the effect, "Here lies Mr. William Wolstanton, sometime rector of this church, who died on the last day of the month of August,

in the year of our Lord 1403, upon whose soul God have mercy." On taking up the plate, notwithstanding that great care was taken, it broke in two, the fracture being of a clean semi-circular shape. The reason of this was found when the under side was seen, upon which had been engraven in deeply incised lines, the figure of a layman under a canopy of tabernacle work of a decorated character. The work appears to be of foreign, perhaps Flemish design, and is incomplete; possibly the wife was also represented on one side. The work appears never to have been finished, the incisions never having been filled up with colour. It was thought by some members that it was probably a subordinate figure of a large brass never finished, and cut up for use in smaller designs. The figure represented on the under side was that of a man in a civilian's dress of the fourteenth century, bare headed, with curly flowing hair, beard and moustache. He was habited in a close-fitting tunic, slightly open at the throat, and buttoned down the front, with cape covering the shoulders, vandyked at the lower edge. The sleeves of the tunic reached to the middle of the arm, between the shoulder and elbow, and then hung down nearly to the knees, showing the sleeve of a very close-fitting under garment, with buttons or studs close together on the outside, reaching to the middle of the back of the hands. The tunic was fastened round the waist by a girdle buckled on the left side. Nether stocks and shoes tied in front covered the lower limbs. The figure of a lion was placed at the feet.

By The Rev. J. E. Stocks: A copy of the will (in Latin) of the said William Wolstanton, commemorated by the brass. He (William de Wolstanton, Priest) was instituted to the Church of Bowden on the presentation of Sir Henry le Scrope, Knight, November 22, A.D. 1391, by Bishop Bokingham, at Stowe Park. [*Bokingham's Register* (*Institutions*) *folio* 220.] The Will is copied and translated from the Episcopal Registers of the See of Lincoln. [*Bishop Henry Beaufort's Memoranda, folio* 57.]

The translation of the Will is as follows:—

In the Name, &c., Amen. A.D. 1403, 23rd day of August. I, William de Wolstanton, Rector of the Parish Church of Bowdon Magna, in the Diocese of Lincoln, being whole in mind and of clear memory, do make my testament in this manner:—First, I leave my soul to the Holy and undivided Trinity, to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, to Peter and Paul, and to the Most Holy Virgin Margaret, with all the Saints and Citizens of the Church triumphant, and my body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of the aforesaid Apostles Peter and Paul of Bowdon aforesaid. Item, I will that there be set up round my body at the time of my funeral and interment 5 torches, each containing five pounds in weight. Item, I will that one marble stone be bought for 300 shillings to be set over my grave, and that

it be ordered and arranged in such form and manner as my executors know that I have appointed. Item, I will that all my debts, wheresoever they may be, shall be discharged. Item, I leave to John de la Mounte 5 marks, one cow and one cottage next the Mill for the term of his life, which said cottage, after the term of the life of the same John, shall wholly revert to my executors. Item, I leave to John de Halle, 6s. 8d. Item, I leave to each priest in the church of Bowdon aforesaid at the time of my funeral 6s. 8d. Item, I leave to Sir John le Scrope my Portiforium (Office-book) of the York use. Item, I leave to William de Ocle 8 pigs and 4 quarters of beans. Item, I leave to the church of S. Wilfrid, of Kylnygton 30s. to buy a vestment which shall be used in the said church to the praise and glory of God. Item, I leave to Richard Bernard my best cart-horse. Item, I leave to John le Scrop my horse called "Prank." Item, I will that my successor shall have from my goods of my free gift one basin with a bath, and a hand-napkin, and one table-cloth, one brazen pot, one weight and one mass-maker, if he shall bear himself with good-will and modesty towards my executors. Of this my last will and testament I appoint as completors and executors, Sir John Fynche, and Sir John de Alton, chaplains, and Richard Bernard and William de Ocle, of Bowdon aforesaid. As overseer of all the aforesaid, I appoint Sir John Holt, of Brampton, Knight, and to the disposal of these I entrust and bequeath the residue of my goods that they may therefrom order and arrange as they shall judge most fitting for me with a view to the welfare of my soul and of the souls of all to whom I am specially beholden. In witness whereof all and singular I, William de Wolstanton, Rector, aforesaid, have affixed my seal to this my last will and testament. Given and done at Bowdon aforesaid, on the day and in the year of the Lord aforsaid.

The Rev. Philip Stocks read the following remarks on the discoveries at Great Bowden Church during the progress of the restoration, and exhibited two Nuremburg tokens found during the work:—

The church of Great Bowden was found to have been painted in distemper in every part; in most cases the plaster having become rotten, the frescoes perished as soon as the coats of white-wash with which they were covered were removed. At the eastern end, however, of the north aisle, the fresco has remained in a sufficiently sound state of preservation for the spectator to see the subject, "The Last Judgment." Here Our Lord is represented in majesty, seated on the rainbow, His hands uplifted, the sun on His right hand, and the moon on His left. On the right hand heaven is represented as a city, and the Virgin Mary stands in an attitude of prayer, with a scroll on which are the words, "Venite beati patris mei." St. Peter also stands below with his keys [the

church is dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul], and points the path to heaven to the dead who are represented as rising from their graves. An angel, flying, sounds a trumpet of serpentine shape. On the left hand is John the Baptist in raiment of camel's hair, with a scroll, on which are the words, "Ite maladicti" (*sic*). Below is hell, represented as a head with fiery jaws, into which devils are dragging souls bound in chains. The ground work of the picture is yellow for heaven, red for the upper part of the left hand, possibly representing purgatory, but the figures are very indistinct; and black for hell.

By Mr. S. Knight: A gold thistle crown of James I.: Obverse, a rose, crowned; mint mark, a thistle; JA'. D.G. MAG. BR. F. &. H. REX. Reverse, a thistle, crowned; Tveatvr Vnita Devs. Also some forgeries of Roman coins as examples for information of the members.

By the Chairman: A medal, a "trial piece," in lead, with portrait of Albert Durer's father, bust to the right, hair long, in cap and robe, with fur collar, and the date 1514, with a monogram formed by the initials of the great artist's name. On the reverse the three Graces with Cupids, and the legend: *Has habet et superat.*—Also an oval plaque with the portrait of the celebrated Quintin Matsys, painter, of Louvain, 1466-1531; bust to the right, hair very long, in cap and falling collar, and the legend, Quintus Metsys, 1494, underneath the bust.

The Rev. Dr. Dickson mentioned the sudden death of Mr. Wm. Johnson, Saddington, an old and valued member of this society. He was the last of an ancient family who have been seated at Saddington for nearly four centuries. He took great interest in the work of this society, but being a confirmed invalid he was not able to attend the meetings.

November 29th, 1886.

The Rev. J. E. Stocks in the chair.

The Chairman alluded to the unexpected decease of the Ven. Archdeacon Pownall, M.A., F.S.A., who died on the 25th November, in very feeling terms; as did also the Rev. A. Trollope; and the following resolution was unanimously passed, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to send a copy to Mrs. Pownall:—"That the members of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society have received with the deepest regret the intelligence of the sudden death of the Venerable the Archdeacon of Leicester, and hereby place on record their sense of the great interest which the Archdeacon took in the Society's work for many years. They

also desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with the members of the family in their sudden bereavement."

The Archdeacon was elected a member of this Society on 25th March, 1861.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By Captain Grimston, (through Mr. W. J. Freer): The following articles which once belonged to the great Emperor Napoleon, and were taken from his carriage after Waterloo. 1. A gold and blue enamel snuff box, oval in shape; three and a half inches in length by one and three quarter inches in breadth. Its lid was formerly adorned by a wreath of diamonds and brilliants, and the letters N. B. in the same stones, but they have been removed from their settings. The sides and bottom are delicately enamelled in a fine leaf pattern. The words *Gebert Successeur de L'emperend à Paris* are engraved under the lid. The whole is contained in a neatly finished box lined with faded white satin, and clasped with silver hooks. 2. A silver gilt box containing powder and puff, the lid perforated with small stars, the end of the box screws off, and holds a small quantity of soap. The height is three and three quarter inches, and the diameter two and a half. The Eagle and Imperial Crown are engraved on the top and side. 3. A gold handled toilet knife with two blades. The ornamentation is very delicate. It consists of two vases in low relief—a female figure reading beneath a lamp, and the Caduceus or Mercury's wand. On each side is a shield with the letter N. engraved thereon. The length of the knife when closed is three and a half inches. Name of the maker on the blade is Quelle. 4. Small fine pointed Cross of the Legion of Honour on a faded red ribbon. The cross is headed by the Imperial Crown. 5. Green velvet travelling cap. The band which fits the head is twenty-three inches round. 6. Pair of very fine white silk stockings, the Imperial Crown being woven at the top of the clocks. 7. Pair of red morocco slippers. 8. Pair of leather gloves. 9. Cambric pocket handkerchiefs.

By the Rev. T. W. Owen: The oldest register book belonging to the Church of St. Nicholas. The date on the outside cover is, Anno Domini 1559. This date, although it corresponds with the time when registers were frequently begun, appears to have been written much later. For the first forty years or so, the entries of christenings, marriages, and burials, are very neatly written. The marriage entries are very indistinct, owing to age and rough usage. Many of the after entries are very indifferently done.

By the Rev. A. Trollope: Deal board, painted, on which is carved a shield bearing the arms of Lucas, of Fenton, co.

Lincoln: Argent a chevron gules between three pellets, on a chief azure a moorcock of the field between two crosses crosslet fitchee Or. Under the shield are the initials "G. L.," and the date "1674." The initials are those of George Lucas, the fifth in descent from Peter Lucas, the first member of his family who is known to have owned property at Fenton. He was baptized at Fenton on 7th February, 1630, and married on 16th August, 1657 Penelope, youngest daughter of Sir William Thorold, of Marston, co. Lincoln, first Bart., by whom he had an only son, Anthony, the ancestor of Rd. Lucas, Esq., of Fenton, and of Edith Weston, Rutland.

By Colonel Bellairs: An old parish Account Book of the Churchwardens of St. Mary's, Leicester, from 1652 to 1729, lately restored to the parish under the will of the late Mr. Josh. Chawner. It is curious and interesting, as containing many entries of historical interest and the names of the principal parishioners who served as parish officers. It appeared that the vestrymen were then known as "the thirteen," being the number of the members. The book commences with an entry as follows:—William Rivitt and Phillip Abney, churchwardens in the year 1652. This book was bought for the use of the parish by William Ryvett and Phillip Abney, churchwardens, 1652. The names of the nine members of the thirteen who signed the minutes of the first meeting were Walter Rudinge, Dannett Abney, Geo. Mounteney, George Abney, Philip Abney, George Ludlam, John Stafford, William Pollard, William Holmes; and Richard Burstall, Richard Bruine, were apparently members of the vestry. In 1653, in the time of the Commonwealth, there appears a payment "To the Ringgers upon Gunpowder traison day 2s. 6d.—To Mr. Batte for ye adminisrition of ye Sacrementt 2. 0. 0.—To Stranger for preachinge, 0. 10. 0."—Two entries of receipts for "Brakin of the Ground in the chanchill 00. 6. 8." each, and "Reced of ye yonge poeple Att the 2 Sacrements 00 02 0." There are a great many entries relating to the repairs of the bells, which then consisted of five bells only; and from the numerous entries of payments to the ringers, it would appear that they were in constant use. The ringing of the bells for the 5th of November seems to have been very regular; they were also rung on thanksgiving days; for victories over the Dutch; and for joy of the victory "the King got over Monmouth;" and then again "for joy that Monmouth was totely routed." There are many entries for payments for the destruction of hedgehogs and foxes. In 1685 there appear numerous payments for the repair of the steeple, which was then partly taken down.

It was resolved that these Accounts should be published in the *Transactions* of the Society. A portion of them, transcribed by Colonel Bellairs, is here given; the remainder will follow.

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCHWARDENS OF ST. MARY, LEICESTER, 1652-1729.

The following Accounts, &c., are derived from the Vestry Minute Book of this period lately restored to the Churchwardens by the will of the late Mr. Joseph Chawner. The book, which is made of good paper and well bound, still retains its original binding, and is in excellent preservation. On the first page is written: "William Rivitt & Philip Abney Churchwardens in the yeare 1652," and underneath in another handwriting "This Booke was bought for the use of the parishe by William Ryvett and Phillip Abney Churchwardens 1652." The entries on the first page are as follows:—

Newe Officers chosen Ano Dni 1653.

Phillip Abney, Richard Bruice } Churchwardens.

Richard Kirkbye, Roger Rower } Collectors.

Mr. George Abney, William Pollard } Overseers for the poore.

John Palmer, Willm. Steeuenson } Overseers for the highwaies.

Walter Rudinge.

Dannitt Abney.
Geo: Mounteney.
Geo Abney.
Phillip Abney.
George Ludlam.
John Is Stafford.
Willm Pollard.
William Holmes.

The 22th day of Aprill 1653.

	£	s.	d.
Henry Hericke & Edward Polard the then collectors exhibited their Accompt for the yeare and they charged themselves with the receipt of	44	0	4
Their payments beeing then	43	8	5
Soe that there was then paid into the hande of the new Collectors as rem due to the parishe	0	11	11
William Ryvett & Phillip Abney the then Churchwardens exhibited their accompt and they were charged with the receipt of	16	8	8

	£	s.	d.
Their paymente amounted unto	11	3	9
Soe that the Churchwardens owe upon the foot of their accompt the ye pîsshe	5	9	11

Dannett Abney.
Geo. Abney.
George Ludlam.
Phillipp Abney.
Willm Pollard.
Richard Burstall.
William Holmes.

Payments of Phillip Abney and Richard Bruice 1653*

Paid to David Price † for Midsumer quarter	0	6	8
Paid to Thomas Lickorich for two dayes workes ..	0	3	0
Paid for srouds and nailes	0	2	6
Paid to David Price for Micaelmus ‡ quarter	0	6	8
Paid to David Price for two dayes worke	0	1	4
Paid to Thomas Lickorrich for mending a wheele ..	0	1	0
Paid to David Price for his worke	0	0	6
Paid for sroudes and nailes	0	0	10
Paid to the Ringgers upon Gunpouder traison day ..	0	2	6
Paid to Zethwell for his worke in Mary laine	0	3	4
Paid to David Price for Crismus ‡ quarter	0	6	8
Paid to Richard Bruce for Wood and Candell	0	0	3
~~Paid to David Price for walkeinge the Parish §~~	~~0~~	~~1~~	~~8~~
Paid to John ffoelwerth fo Rope Soles..	0	1	0
Paid to Mr. Batte for ye adminisrition of ye Sacrementt ..	2	0	0
Paid to Stranger for preachinge	0	10	0
	3	16	1

Reced of Mr. John Duxhill and of the Chambarlines ..	04	00	0
Reced of Mr. Tho: Madland for Brakin up the ground in the chanhill	00	06	8
Reced of uin Atton for Brakin of ye Ground in ye Chanchill	00	06	0
Reced of ye yonge poeple Att the 2 Sacrements ..	00	02	0
	4	14	8
	3	16	1

* This is not in the same handwriting, and seems to have been added afterwards. † David Price was evidently the Sexton. See the Payments for 1659. ‡ The spelling of Michael*mus* and Cris*mus*, appears not so much mis-spelling as to avoid the word "mas." § This item appears to have been disallowed and struck out.

New Officers chosen the 28 May 1654.

Richard Bruice
Edward Pollard } Churchwardens.

Richard Hill
Thomas Rogers } Collectors.

George Ludlam
William Ryvett } Overseers.

John Mason
Charles Robinson } Overseers of the highwaies.

Walter Rudinge.
Daunit Abney.
Geo: Mounteney.
George Abney.
Phillip Abney.
Danell Smith.
W. Pollard.

The xxviith of May 1654.

	£	ss.	d.
Richard Kirkbie and Roger Rower the then collectors exhibited their accompt for the poore and they charged themselves with the receipt of	41	16	01
Their payments beeing then	39	05	04
Remaining due from the collectors to the parishe* ..	01	04	07
Phillip Abney & Richard Bruice exhibited their accompt and they were charged with the receipt of	04	14	08
Their payments amount unto	03	16	01
The parishe owes to the Churchwardens	0	01	07

Walter Rudinge
Dannet Abney.
Geo. Mounteney.
George Abney.
George Ludlam.
Daniel Smith.
W. Pollard.

The accompt of Richard Bruice and Edward Pollard made the seaventeenth day of Aprill 1655.

The said Churchwardens exhibited their accompt the day and yeare abovesaid and they were charged with the receipt of	11	7	8

* The figures are apparently as written though incorrect; there are several alterations, and some of the figures are uncertain especially the 4 and 9.

	£	s.	d.
Their payments then amounted unto	11	6	9
Soe that upon the foote of this accompt there remaines due to the Parishe from the Churchwardens	0	0	11

Dannett Abney.
Geo. Mounteney.
George Ludlam.
Phillip Abney.
the marke of
John I. S. Stafford.
Willm Pollard.
William R. Ryvett.
his mke.
Richard Burstall.

Wee whose names are above wrytten being of the Thirteene of the Parishe of Snt. Maries Leicester doe Order that Thomas Rogers and Richard Hill shall give up their Accompt betwixt the day above wrytten and the ffowrth day of May next comeinge.

Aprill 17.

New Officers chosen Ano 1655.

Edward Pollard
Robert Lanckton } Churchwardens.

James Hynman
Willm Steevenson } Collectors.

Mr. Phillip Abney
Daniel Smyth } Overseers for the poore.

Mr. George Abney
Richard Burstall } Overseers for the highwaies.

Dannett Abney.
Geo Mounteney.
George Ludlam.
Phillip Abney.
John (I S) Stafford.
Willm Pollard.
William (R.) Ryvett.
Richard Burstall.

Richard Briuce and Edward Pollard theire Account beinge Churchwardens 1655.

Pd for 2 Kides	0	0	4
Pd for one Hundred & a halfe of Wood when the leads ware mended	0	1	0
Pd for change of five hundred & 24 pound of leade att a halfepenny a pound*	1	4	2
Pd for one hundred of new leade Att 7 fardines the hundred*	0	16	4

* This probably includes some extra charge, perhaps for carriage.

	£	s.	d.
pd for 10 pound of Solder Att 10 pence A pound ..	0	8	4
pd to John Hall And his Sonn for 3 dayes worke Att 2s. 4d. the day	0	7	0
pd to David Price for 4 dayes worke	0	2	8
pd for noiles for the leads	0	0	7
pd for mendinge 2 formes	0	0	6
pd for the Sextone wagis	1	6	8
pd for mendinge the pulpitt	0	0	4
pd for mendinge the S Mary Laine	0	6	8
pd for a New Rope for the forth bell	0	4	3
pd for Sheuteinge the Tennor Rope	0	0	9
pd for Raiseinge the 2 Bells out of the Brasses to thomas Lickkorish	0	1	6
pd for witlether	0	0	2
pd to David Price for halfe a dayes worke	0	0	4
pd to the Ringers the 5th of November	0	3	4
pd for wood & candle Att severall meeteinges	0	0	8
pd for A lare boake*	0	1	0
pd to Goodman Greene for lime And sand	0	2	1
pd for layinge downe graues and other worke	0	3	0
pd to 2 laborars for the worke	0	1	4
pd for bread And beeare for the worke	0	0	6
pd for a warrantt to Mr. Winstanley	0	1	0
pd for a warrantt to Mr. Hoale	0	1	0
pd to Mr. Smyth for nailes And other worke	0	3	4
pd for A warrantt for Mrs. Able	0	0	4
	5	19	2

	£	s.	d.
pd to Mr. George Abney upon An ould accountt ..	0	5	6
pd for the wine Bills for 2 yeares	4	15	8
pd to Mr. Phillep Abney what ware dew att the foote of his account when he ware Churchwarden	0	1	7
pd for drawinge up the Account	0	1	0
Allowed upon deduction	0	3	8
	5	7	7
	5	19	2
	11	6	9

Monie received for the Parish.

	£	s.	d.
Receivd of Mr. Smyth for the chyme hammars	0	10	8
Receivd att the Sacrements of the yonge people ..	0	4	2
Receivd of Robert Bond for one hammor	0	1	6

* See note on p. 268.

	£	s.	d.
Receivd of Mr. Curtis for breakinge the ground ..	0	6	8
Receivd of wido Smuthurst for breakinge the ground ..	0	6	8
Rec[d] of Mr. Phillep Abney for breakinge y[e] grond ..	0	6	8
The wholl lare is	9	11	4
Sume is ..	11	7	8

Richard Hill and Thomas Rogers exhibited their accompt for the yeare the fourthe daye of Maye 1655. And the charged themselves with the receipt of ffourtye eight pounds eleven shillings and one pennye and their payments amounted unto ffourtye and one pounds seaventeene shillings and twoe pence and the deductions allowed amounted unto £1 10s. 2d. Soe that there remaines due from the said Richard Hill and Thomas Rogers to the parishe upon the foote of their accompt the sume of ffyve pounds three shillings and nyne pence.

Dannett Abney.
Geo: Mounteney.
Geo: Abney.
George Ludlam.
the marke of
John I S Stafford.
Will[m] Pollard.
Willm R. Ryvett
his mke.

The Accompt of Edward Pollard and Robert Lanckton Churchwardens of the parishe of St. Maries Leic[r] made & exhibited the eighth day of Aprill 1656.

Their payments.

paid to Thomas Liquoris for one day & an halfe mendinge the bell wheeles	0	2	3
paid to David Price for one daies worke & an halfe then ..	0	1	0
pd for boards for shrouds to the wheeles	0	1	8
pd for soles for the wheeles	0	1	0
pd for mendinge a spout on y[e] south side the church ..	0	0	6
pd for bread and beere to the worke	0	0	6
pd for nailes to ffrancis Wotley	0	0	8
pd for clensinge the leades one days worke	0	0	8
pd to the ringers the 18th of June beeing a thanksgiving day	0	2	6
pd to David Price for his Midsummer quarters wages ..	0	6	8
pd for a new rope to the 4th bell	0	4	2
pd to John Mitchell for 3 daies worke	0	3	6
pd for 3 daies and an halfe for his sonne	0	4	1
pd for a labourer 3 daies and an halfe	0	2	11
pd for seaven strikes of unslakt lyme	0	3	6
pd for sixe strike of sand	0	1	0
pd for one peik of slate pinns	0	1	0
pd for one quarter of an hundred of slates	0	0	7
pd for bread and beere for the worke	0	1	6

	£	s.	d.
pd for sawdringe the north porch leads	0	2	6
pd for a new rope for the 3d bell	0	3	8
pd for laths & nailes & Crests for the Church porch ..	0	3	6
pd to David Price for wood for the same porch	0	0	9
pd to David Price for Michmas quarter	0	6	8
pd to the Ringers the 5th of November	0	3	6
pd to David Price for St. Thomas quarter	0	6	8
pd for a bush whitleather & nailes	0	0	8
pd for clensinge the leades in ye Snowe 2 daies & halfe ..	0	1	8
pd for a new rope for the great bell	0	5	6
pd for 5 kidds burnt at ye sevrall meetings	0	0	10
pd for makinge the Lauebooke	0	1	0
pd to George Abney towards the money the parishe oweth him	0	5	6
pd to David Price for Lady day quarter	0	6	8
pd to Thomas Greene and his sonne & 3 labourers for laying downe ffyve graves & other worke in ye Church ..	0	9	10
pd for lyme and sand for ye worke	0	2	3
pd for bread and beere	0	0	8
pd for 138 foote of glasse for the west windowe & settinge the same up	3	9	0
pd for lyme & workmanshipp for the said windowe ..	0	9	0
pd to Dan: Smyth for Ironworke for the said windowe ..	0	8	0
pd for bread & beere for the worke	0	1	8
pd for Mr. Maiors warrant	0	1	0
pd for a bush and neales	0	0	6
pd for ingrosseinge & castinge up the accompt	0	1	6
*The sume of the payments amounts to	9	2	4

Their receipts.

Received of a single lave	8	1	10
Recd of Mr. Rudings for the bells & ground	0	10	8
recd for breakinge up the ground for John Palmer ..	0	6	8
recd for bells and ground for Mr. Mounteneys wife ..	0	10	8
recd of the young people at ye two Sacraments	0	3	2
recd at the last accompt of Richard Bruice	0	0	11
The sume of the receipts	9	13	11
So that there remaines due to the parishe upon the foote of this accompt the sume of	0	12	1

Walter Rudinge.
Dannett Abney.
Phillip Abney.
Danell Smith.
Richard Burstall.
William Ryvitt.
W. Pollard.

* In this account it is impossible to distinguish between the figures 4 and 9 which may account for the discrepancy in the total.

	£	s.	d.
We the Churchwardens received of Edward Pollard this sume of	0	12	1

Witness owre hands

the marke of
of
Robert (O) Lanckton
Richard Kirbye
} Churchwardens.

Newe Officers chosen the 8th day of Aprill 1656.

Robert Lanckton
Richard Kirkbye
} Churchwardens.

Andrew Orton
John Mason
} Collectors.

Mr. George Abney
Edward Pollard
} Overseers for the poore.

Richard Hill
Roger Power
} Overseers for the highwaies.

Walter Rudinge.
Dannett Abney.
Phillip Abney.
Danell Smith.
Rich. Burstall.
William Ryvitt.
W. Pollard.

The Names of the thirteene.

Wolter Rudinge, Esqre.
Dannet Abney gen.
George Mounteney gen.
Edm: Johnson gen.
George Abney gen.
Phillip Abney gen.
Daniel Smyth.
George Ludlam.
John Stafford.
Richard Birstall.
Willm Ryvitt.
Edward Pollard.

Due to the Parish from James Hynman and Will Stephnson late collectors the 18th of Aprill 1656:

The account of James Hynman and William Stephnson Collectors.

The charge themselves with the reiceipt of	43	18	0
Their paymentes as it apeares amountes unto	35	11	10
Allowed for their deductions..	1	9	3

	£	s.	d.
Soe their remaynes upon the foot of their account due to the Parrish	6	16	11
Received of William Steevenson and James Hinman in part of this sume of 6 16 11 the sum of	3	0	0
By mee Edward Pollard.			
Allsoe John Mason receeved of James Hinman and Will Steevenson	2	8	6
By mee John Mason.			
Soe theire is in the hands of James Hinman and William Steevenson the sume of	1	8	6

The accountt of Robert Lanckton and Richard Kirby, Beeinge Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Maries exhebitted theire accountt the 31th of March 1657.

Theire payments.

	£	s.	d.
To the Scotch Minnester for preachinge tow severall Sabathes	00	10	00
To Davey Price for Midsommer Quartar	00	06	08
To Davey Price for Mighellmas Quartar	00	06	08
To Davey Price for St. Thomas Quartar	00	06	08
To Anthonie Ward And his sonn Anthonie and tow laborars for one dayes worke & A halfe	00	05	00
for lime And sand for the worke	00	02	00
To Davey Price for one dayes worke & a halfe	00	01	00
for bred And beere for the worke	00	00	08
for A new Rope for the Greate bell	00	06	06
To the Ringers the 5th of November	00	03	04
For 2 kids And one penny worth of candels	00	00	05
More for A kid And one penny worth of candels ..	00	00	03
To Davey Price for clensinge the leads tow severall times	00	01	00
To Thomas Greene the yonger for layinge downe a grave for Mr. Dannetts childe	00	01	06
To Dave Price for Lady Day Quarter	00	06	08
To Dave Price for nailes aboute the wheeles	00	00	06
More for 2 kids And one penny worth of candels ..	00	00	05
To Mr. Newton for wine bills	00	12	00
To Mr. Allexander Coates for wine bills	02	14	00
To Ould bateman for A scepp to carry bred for the yeare	00	01	05
To Mighell Cator for to geo A longe with the Churchwardens 2 dayes	00	00	10
for makinge the lave booke and castinge the accounts ..	00	02	00
for A warrante to the towne clark .. 1s.	6	9	6

The Receites of Robert Lanckton and Richard Kirbey the then Churchwardens.

Received of Edward Pollard that ware charged att the foote of his account	0	12	1
Receivd of Mr. John Sherman for breakinge the ground in the church	0	6	8
Receivd of Mr. bale for breakinge the ground in the Church	0	6	8
Receivd of Mr. Wigley for breakinge the ground in the Church..	0	6	8
Receid of Mrs. Lucy Dannett for breakinge the ground in the Church	0	6	8
Receid of Mrs. Watts for breakinge the ground in the Church	0	6	8
Receid of Mr. Chambarlin for breakinge the ground in the Church	0	6	8
Receid of the halfe quartars lave	4	9	9
the receittes rise to	7	1	10
his payments beeinge	6	9	6

Soe theire remaines dew to the parish upon the foote of theire Account 00 11 09

March the 31th 1657.

	£	s.	d.
Robert Lanckton and Richard Kirby the then Churchwardens exhibbited theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the receite of	7	1	10
their payments amountinge to	6	9	7

Soe theire remaines dew to the pish Att the foote of theire Accounts* 00 11 9

Dannett Abney.
Geo : Abney.
Phillip Abney.
Danell Smith.
Will. Ryvitt.
Edward Pollard.
Richard Burstall.

* The casting up the accounts are erroneous as it appears.

March the 31th 1657.

Entry at end of Book.

	li	s.	d.
Andrew Horton And John Moson the then Collectors Exhibited theire Accounts And they ware Charged with the receite of	42	3	4
And theire payments did then Amount to	29	11	5
theire deductions did then Amount to	1	14	0
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish Att the foote of theire Accountt the sume of	10	09	06

Dannett Abney. Geo. Abney. William Ryvitt.
Danell Smith. Robert Lanckton. Edward Pollard.

The Offecers of the parish of Saint Maryes chosen the 31th of March 1657.

Richard Kirby, Roger Power — Churchwardens.

Richard Burstall, Robert Lanckton — Overseears of the poore.

Thomas Lawrance, Richard Chettell — Collectors.

Andrew Horton, William Stevenson — Overseears of the highwayes.

Dannett Abney.
Jullius Billers.
Geo. Abney.
Phillipp Abney.
Danell Smith.
Will Ryvitt.
Robert Lanckton.
Edward Pollard.

It is Agreed upon the 3d day of December 1657 by the major part of the thirteene that if Anythinge be devulged wich is in dispute in the vestry by Any offeser Or themselves shall forfit 2s. 6d. if itt be proved Against them. Witness oure hands

Walter Rudinge. Geo Abney. Phillip Abney.
The marke of the mark of the marke of
Dannell S Smyth. John IS Stafford. William R Ryvitt.
The marke of
Edward Pollard. Robert L Lanckton.

March the 25th 1658. An Agreement made And Agreed upon betweene Nathanell Symes of the Borrough of Leicester in County of Leicester Mason of the One pt And Richard Kirby & Roger Power the

then Churchwardens of the parish of St. Maryes of the Other pt Witnesseth first for And in consideration of the sume three pounds And one shilling & A lode of stone to him in hand paide by the saide Churchwardens doth covenant And Agree that As hee hath suffatiently repared one lane in the p'ish of St. Maryes Commonly Called by the name of Mary laine for the sume of monie Above saide will keepe and repaire the saide laine dewrin his naturall life for the payment of ten shillings yearely by the churchwardens of the saide p'ish Att Even And Equall portions twise in the yeare that is to say att the 29th of September five shillinges and the 25th of March five shillings And seo from time to time while the Saide Nathanell Simes doth live hee keepinge of the saide Mary Laine in good And sufficient repaire According to his promise in witness heere of the saide pties have heare unto sett theire hands the day first Above written.

Nathaniell Syms.

Witnessd in the presence of
Edward Pollard.
Thomas Lawrence.
the marke of
Richard (N) Chettell.
the marke of
Dave (D P) Price

Richard Kirbey and Roger Power the then Churchwardens Exhibbeted theire Accounts the 13th day of Aprill 1658.

And they ware charged with the receipte of	47	09	5
And the saide Churchwardens have laide Oute this yeare the sume of	41	16	4

Mr. Danel Abney—the marke + of Robert Lankton—the marke (B) of Richard bustall—Danell Smith—The marke (I) of John Staford Willam (R) Revet—Edward Pollard.

Roger Power Danell Smith	Church-wardens.	Mr. Gorge mounteney Willam Ryvett	overseaeres for the poore.
Mr. July Billeres Roberd Aton	Collecteres.	William Nut John Fugher	overseares for the poore.

Entry at end of Book.

	li	s.	d.
Thomas Lawrance And Richard Chettell then collectors Exhibbeted theire Accounts the 13th day of Aprill 1658 And they ware Charged with the receite of ..	47	00	6
theire payment deo Amount to	41	6	4
theire deductions Alowed	00	19	4
Seo theire remaines in the hands of the Collectors Att the foote of theire Accounte	4	15	2

Dannett Abney—Julius Billers—Geo Abney—Phillipp Abney—Richard Birstall—Willi Ryvitt—Robert Lanckton—Edward Pollard.

Richard Kirbye And Roger Power Churchwardens exhibetted theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the Receite of	£ 47	s. 7	d. 9
theire payments amountinge to	41	12	8
theire deductions alowed	0	16	10
Seo theire remanes in the hands of the Churchwardens att the foote of theire Accounte dew to the Parish ..	4	18	3

24th of May 1658. Dannett Abney—Julius Billers—Geo Abney—Phillip Abney—Will. Ryvitt—Robert Lanckton—Edward Pollard.

Entry at end of Book.

November the last the full Number—1658—of the thirteene of the Parish of St. Maryes made up

Walter Rudinge Esquire—Mr. Dannett Abney Alderman—Mr. George Abney—Mr. George Mountney—Mr. Phillep Abney—Mr. William Johnson—Mr. Dannell Smyth—Richard Birstall—John Stafford—Edward Pollard—Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirbey—Roger Power.

The Account of Roger Power And Dannell Smyth Churchwardens of pish of St. Maryes Leicester. Exhebeted the fift day of Aprill 1659.

theire payments.	£	s.	d.
pd for Excange of five hundred & 16£ of ould leade att 7^{s} the hundred	01	16	00
pd for one hundred & 25^{l} of new leade	01	05	04
pd for 7^{l} & a halfe of Sawder Att 1^{s} 2^{d} the pound ..	00	08	09
pd for 2 dayes work for 4 men	00	10	00
pd for bred & beare And Carrian the Ould leade And fetchin the new..	00	02	00
pd to Dave Price for A dayes worke & halfe	00	01	00
pd for charcole	00	00	06
pd to the Sexton for Midsommer Quartar	00	06	08
pd to the Sexton for Mighellmas Quartar	00	06	08
pd to the Ringers one thanks Givinge day	00	01	00
pd to Nathanell Symes for his halfe yeares rent for Marylaine	00	05	00
pd to the Ringers the fift of November	00	03	04
pd for fowre longe plancks & 2 Shorte ones	00	07	00
pd for nailes and A bushell of lime	00	01	05
pd for mendinge the porch And layinge a Grave ..	00	03	00
pd for the Carpenters 2 dayes worke	00	02	00
pd to the Sexton for St. Thomas quartar	00	06	08
pd to the parson for prachin one Lords day And fast day	00	10	00
pd for bords to mend the bel wheeles	00	02	06
pd for A sole for a bell wheele	00	01	00
pd for workmanship And bred & beere	00	02	09
pd for a new baldrick for a bell	00	01	08
pd for a fferrill for the baldrick	00	00	09
	07	05	00

	£	s.	d.
pd for tow new bell ropes	00	09	06
pd for 4 plates And nayles for the bell wheeles.. ..	00	00	09
pd for a loke for the leades dore	00	01	00
pd more for nailes	00	00	08
pd to Dave Price for A dayes worke & halfe	00	01	00
pd to Mr. Nathan Butterice for prechin one lords day And for his chargis Att Edward Pollards	00	16	10
pd for layinge downe 3 Graves And for lime	00	03	08
pd to to Nathanell Symes for lade dayes halfe yeare for Mary laine	00	05	00
pd for layinge downe A Grave And mendinge the porch & cleaneinge the holy water funtt	00	02	06
pd for bred And beere	00	00	06
pd to Symes his man for clensinge the dust oute of the Church	00	00	06
pd for fire And Candell for 4 meetinges	00	01	04
	02	03	03
	07	05	00
the wholl layinges Oute	09	08	03
pd to Edward Pollard for drawin up And in Groseinge the Churchwardens Account	00	01	06
Sume is	09	09	09

the Church Wardens receites.

Received of Mr. Baile for brakeinng the Ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received of Waltar Rudinges Esq^{e} for brakein the ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received of Dannell Smyth for halfe A hundred And 14£ of ould Iorn	00	08	09
Received for the chime wheele And A littell Rowle And A littell Rowle And A littel Ould Wood	00	03	00
Received of Mr. Dyson for brakein the ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received of Mr. Johnson for brakein the ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received of Mr. baile for brakin the ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received of Mrs. Sarson for brakin the Ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received of Joseph Blower for brakin the Ground in the Church	00	06	08
Received for the holy water funt	00	00	08
Receites	02	19	01

Aprill the 5th 1659.

the names of the thirteene for the pish of St Maryes Leicester as ffolloweth.

Walter Rudinges Esqr—Dannett Abney, Alderman—George Mountney, Gentle—George Abney, Gentl—Phillep Abney, Gentle—Dannell Smyth—Richard Birstall—John Stafford—William Ryvitt—Edward Pollard—Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirckby—Roger Power.

Aprill the 5th 1659.

Roger Power And Dannell Smyth the then Churchwardens Exhebeted theire Account And they charged themselves with the receite of	£ 07	s. 17	d. 4
theire payments did Amount to	11	01	*
Seo theire remaines dew to the saide churchwardenns Att the foote of theire Account	03	04	07

Dannett Abney. Phillip Abney. Richard Birstall.
Edward Pollard. Robert Lancton. Richard Kirckby.
Roger Power.

The names of the Offecers of the Parish of St. Maryes Leicester chosen by the maior part of the thirteene the 5th day of Aprill 1659.

Dannell Smyth, Dannett Pollard } Churchwardens.

Kichard Kirckby, Roger Power } Owerseears for the poore.

William Johnson, William Nutt } Collectors.

John Harrice, John Boyer } Overseears for the highwayes.

Dannett Abney. Phillip Abney. Richard Birstall.
Edward Pollard. Robert Lanckton. Roger Power.
Richard Kirckby.

Aprill the 5th 1659.

Entry at end of Book.

Robert Atton the then Collector Exhibbeted his Account And hee stood charged with the receite of ..	46	02	00½
his payments they did Amount unto	31	09	00
Allowed unto him by the Parish	02	13	03

* The amount of pence here is very indistinct; it should be 11d., but appears crossed out.

Entry at end of Book.

	£	s.	d.
Seo theire remaines dew to the Pish Att the foote of his Account	11	19	10½

Dannett Abney. Phillip Abney. Richard Birstoll.
Edward Pollard. Robert Lanckton. Richard Kirby.
Roger Power.

The names of the Offesers of the Pish of St. Maryes Leicester Chosen by the maior part of the thirteene the 24th day of Aprill 1660.

Dannett Pollard, William Johnson — Churchwardens.

Mr. Phillep Abney, Edward Pollard — Overseears for the poore.

John Pougher, Thomas Armestronge — Collectors.

John Travill, Richard Briuce — Overseears for the High wayes.

Dannett Abney. Geo Abney. Phillip Abney.
William Johnson. Daniall Smyth. Richard Birstall.
John Stafford. Edward Pollard. Robert Lanckton.
Richard Kirkby. Roger Power.

Aprille the 3d 1660.

	£	s.	d.
Daniall Smyth And Dannett Pollard exhibetted theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the receite of	13	3	4
theire payments Amountinge to	15	0	4
Seo theire remaines dew to the saide churchwardens Att the foote of their Account	1	17	0

Geo: Abney. Phillipp Abney. William Johnson.
Edward Pollard. John Stafford. Robert Lanckton.
Roger Power. Daniall Smyth.

Walter Rudinges, Esqr. Mr. Dannett Abney.
Mr. George Mountney. Mr. George Abney. Mr. Phillep Abney.
Mr. William Johnson. John Stafford. Daniall Smyth.
Edward Pollard. Robert Lancton. Richard Kirckby.
Roger Power. Richard Briuce.

October the 10th 1660.

A Greed by the major part wee whose names Are Above written that Att Any time that A meetinge is summansed that if they Deo not Appeare Accordinge to the time with oute they can make A Just And lawfull Excuse shall forfitt for his not Apearinge the sume of one shillinge witness owre hands the day And yeare Above written.

Geo Abney. Phillipp Abney. Dan'ell Smith. William Johnson.
Edward Pollard. John Stafford. Robert Lanckton. Roger Power.

Offecers chosen in St. Maryes pish by the maior p[t] of the thirteene Aprill the 16th 1661 As followeth.

Mr. Willi: Johnson Richard Hill	Churchwardens.
John Harrice John Wilkins	Collectors.
Richard Briuce Dannett Pollard	Overseears for the poore.
Thomas Drake Willi: Attkins	Overseears for the Highwayes.

Geo: Abney.	Phillipp Abney.	Danell Smith.
William Johnson.	Edward Pollard.	Richard Kirckby.
Robert Lanckton.	Roger Power.	Richard Bruce.

Aprill the 3[d] 1660.

William Johnson And William Nutt the then Collectors Exhebeted theire Accounts And they charged them seleves with the receite of	£ 35	s. 15	d. 10
theire payment Amounts Amountinge to	37	06	05
theire deducktions beinge Allowed amounts to	00	10	03
Seo theire remaines dew to the saide collectores Att the foote of theire Account	02	00	10

Phillip Abney.	Danell Smith.	the John (IS) marke of Stafford.
Edward Pollard.	Robert Langton.	Richard Kirckby.
Roger Power.	Richard Bruce.	

Aprill the 17th 1661.

Thomas Armestronge And John Pougher the then Collectors Exhebetted theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the receite of	£ 49	s. 15	d. 11
theire deductions beinge Allowed Amounts to	01	08	2
theire payments Arrisinge to	39	04	6
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish Att the ffoote of theire Accounts the sume of	09	03	03

Phillip Abney.	Danell Smith.	the John (IS) marke of Stafford.
Edward Pollard.	Robert Langton.	Richard Kirckby.
Roger Power.	Richard Bruce.	

July the 8th 1661.

Dannett Pollard And William Johnson the then Churchwardens Exhebeted theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the receite of	£ 24	s. 19	d. 3

	£	s.	d.
Theire deductions beinge Allowed Amounts to.. ..	01	07	10
Theire payments ariseinge to	24	03	0
Seo theire remaines dew to the saide churchwardens from the Pish Att the foote of theire accounts	00	12	3

George Mounteney—Will: Johnson—Edward Pollard—John Stafford—Robert Langton—Roger Power—Richard Bruce—Richard Kirkby.

The names of the thirteene as they stood on the 8th day of July 1661.

Walter Rudinges Esq.—Mr. Dannett Abney—Mr. George Mountney—Mr. Phillip Abney—Mr. Daniall Smyth—Mr. Will: Johnson—John Stafford—Edward Pollard—Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirckby—Roger Power—Richard Briuce—Dannett Pollard.

Aprill the first 1662.

John Harris And John Wilkins the then collectors Exhibeted theire Accounts And they Carged them with the receite of	£ 46	s. 6	d. 8
theire payments doth Amount to	43	2	0
theire deductions beinge Alowed Amounts to	02	4	0
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish Att the foote of theire Accountt	01	00	8

the Same Day

William Johnson And Richard Hill the then Churchwardens Exhebeted theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the receite of	£ 24	s 8	d. 0
theire payments Ariseinge to	19	14	4
theire deductions beinge Alowed Comes to	1	01	10
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish Att the foote of theire Accounts	3	11	8

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—Will Johnson—the mark of John I S Stafford—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lancton—Richard Bruce—Dannell Pollard.

Aprill the first 1662.

Offecers Chosen in the pish of St. Maryes Leicester by the maior part of the thirteene whose hands Are heareunder written.

Richard Hill James Hinman	Churchwardens.
Mr. William Johnson & Robert Lanckton	Overseears for the poore.
John Travill Thomas Budger	Collectors for the poore.
John Headley William Crampe	Overseears for the high wayes.

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—Will: Johnson—John Stafford—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lanckton—Richard Bruce—Dannett Pollard.

Aprill the 21th 1663.

Richard Hill And James Hinman the then churchwardens exhibbeted theire Accounts And they charged them selves with the receite of	£ 49	s. 6	d. 5
theire payments Amounted to	47	11	3
their deductions beinge Alowed comes to	01	11	2
wich to Gather Amounts to	49	02	5
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish from the saide Churchwardens Att the foote of theire Accounts ..	00	04	0

Walter Rudinge. Dannett Abney. Phillipp Abney.
William Johnson. Richard Kirkeby. Edward Pollard.
Robert Lanckton. John Stafford.

Aprill 21th 1663.

John Travell & Thom: Badger the then Collectors exhibbitted theire accompts & charged themselves with the receipt of fifty nyne pounds seaven shillings ..	£ 59	s. 7	d. 0
Theire payments amounts unto	51	19	3
the which with their deductions being alowed which is Twenty eight shillins & 3d	1	8	3
Soe then theire remains due from them to the pish the sum of ffive pounds nyneteen & six pence	5	19	6
of the which Will: Atkin the next Collector recd the sum of five pounds fifteen shillings & eight pence			

	s.	d.
& other sums ..	3	10
	£ s.	d.
makes ..	5 19	6

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—Phillip Abney—William Johnson—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—John Stafford—Robert Lanckton—Roger Power.

Offecers chosen in the Pish of St. Maryes Leicester.
Aprill the 21th 1663.

James Hinman, John Mason } Churchwardens.

Mr. Phillip Abney, Richard Hill } Overseears for the poore.

Thomas Drake, William Attkin } Collectors.

James Pulmer
John Wilkins } Sidsmen.

William Wikes
Richard Parsons } Overseears for the high wayes.

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—Phillipp Abney—Edward Pollard —John Stafford—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lancton—Roger Power.

July the 31th 1663.

By Aprobation from the Court Eccleseasticall And by us whose names Aire heare under written wee deo Chuse John Mason And Thomas Armestronge Churchwardens for the yeare 1663 they beinge Chosen for the pish of St. Maryes Leicester by us.

Dannett Abney—Will Johnson—Edward Pollard—Robert Lanckton —Roger Power—Danniell Pollard—Richard Hill.

The Account of John Mason And Thomas Armestronge Churchwardens Aprill the 12th 1664.

As ffolloweth theire payments

	£	s.	d.
Aprill the 23th 1663 Given to the Ringers	00	02	6
the 30th day p[d] Att the Archdeacons Visetation.. ..	00	13	4
pd for the pulpitt mendinge And for Railes for the hatts Alonge the seates in the littell Ally	00	03	9
pd for the Surplis washinge	00	01	6
pd for Ringeinge on the Kinges birthday	00	05	0
pd to Nathaniell Symes for halfe A yeare for lookeing to Mary laine	00	05	0
pd for mendinge the stares Geoinge in to the Castill yard ..	00	00	4
pd for A Carpitt & Tabel Cloth for the Communeon Table	01	03	10
pd for makinge of them And washin the Table Cloth ..	00	01	4
pd for A warrantt for Mr. Budger	00	00	6
pd Att the Court for removeinge James Hinman from his place	00	04	2
pd to Richard Hurbert for mendinge of seates	00	02	6
pd for Matts for the Church	00	03	6
pd to the Parretor for Summons to the visetation ..	00	00	4
pd to John ffreear for 2 proclemations	00	00	6
pd More for Matts	00	00	8
pd for wrightinge of the laire booke*	00	01	6
pd for the Surplis washinge	00	01	6
pd to David Price for 2 : Quartaridges	00	13	4
pd to Richard harburt for mendinge the Seates	00	08	0
pd to Tho : Chapman for painteinge some seates And the poore mans box	00	02	2
pd to Goodman Simes for one halfe yeare more	00	05	0
pd to William Crampp for one locke And nailes.. ..	00	02	8
pd to Thomas Lickhorish for Takeinge up the 3[d] And 4th bell oute of the brass And Trasinge up the youles ..	00	05	0
pd for bread And beere for him And his sonn	00	00	8

* See note on page 268.

	£	s.	d.
pd to wid: Shippey for 3 ropes for the first 2[d] And Grate bell	00	11	6
pd to the Ringers the 5th of November	00	03	4
pd for washin the Surplis	00	01	6
pd for one Quartaridge to David Price	00	06	8
pd to John Browne mason for layinge downe bri[c]kes in the Alley	00	01	0
pd for one Strike of Sand	00	00	2
pd for wood for mendinge A beame & wall plate ..	00	04	2
	6	16	9
pd for ii foote of board to mend the leades	00	01	4
pd for mendinge A lock And A Key And for nailes for for mendinge the leads	00	01	0
pd for 2: Carpenters for halfe A day	00	01	2
pd for bred And beare	00	00	4
pd to David price for helpeinge the plumers 4: dayes ..	00	02	8
pd for bread And beere for the plumers	00	02	0
pd to John Harris for one strike of charcole	00	01	0
pd to Daniall Smyth for mendinge the Clock And other worke Aboute the Church	00	10	10
pd to Goodman Walls & his man for one dayes worke ..	00	03	6
pd to David Price for helpinge of him..	00	00	8
pd for bred And beere for them	00	00	4
pd for oyle	00	00	2
Given to A Gentleman with the Aldermans concent ..	00	01	0
pd to John Browne for layinge downe Mr. Sharmans Grave	00	01	0
pd to David Price for helpeinge of him	00	00	8
pd for one strike of sand	00	00	2
pd for wiar for the clocke	00	00	6
pd for the charge for a brass for the 4th bell	00	04	0
pd David Price for one Quarteridge	00	06	8
pd to Mr. Turvill for the Communion Cupp And Cover* ..	04	02	0
pd for the Surplis washin	00	01	6
pd to John Wilkins for 2: strikes of lime	00	01	2
pd to Nathaniall Symes for Maryes laine	00	05	0
pd for fiar And Candell for severall meetinges	00	01	6
pd for drawinge up the Accounts	00	01	6
pd for mendinge of seates in the Church to John Sturgis And John Kellett	00	13	9
	7	5	5
	6	16	9
	14	2!	2

* Mr. Turvill was a silversmith in Leicester. This Communion cup and cover are not now amongst the St. Mary's Church Plate.

John Mason And Thomas Amestronge Churchwardens theire receites Aprill the 12th 1664.

	£	s.	d.
the wholl Quartars laive booke comes to	11	11	6
the deductions beeinge Allowed Oute of the Same Quartaridge booke Amounts to	00	12	10½
Received of Mr. Sharman for brakinge up the Ground in the Church	00	06	8
Received of the Younge peopell Att the Sacrements ..	00	02	0

April the 12th 1664.

	£	s.	d.
John Mason And Thomas Armestronge the then Churchwardens Exhibeted theire Accounts And they Charged themselves with the receite of	12	00	2
Theire deductions Amounts to	00	12	10½
Theire payment arises to	14	02	2
Seo theire remaines dew to the Churchwardens Att the foote of theire Account	02	15	00½

Dannett Abney, Alderman—Phillip Abney—Edward Pollard.

The John (I S) marke of Stafford. —Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirckby—Roger Power—Richard Bruice—Richard Hill.

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Drake And William Attkins collectors Aprill the 12th 1664 Exhibeted theire Accounts And they charged themselves with the receite of	52	18	8
theire deductions beeinge Allowed Amounts to ..	01	02	8
Theire payments Arises to	47	03	00
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish Att the foote of theire Accounts	£ 04	s. 13	d. 0

Dannett Abney, Alderman—Phillip Abney—Edward Pollard—John Stafford—Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirckby—Roger Power—Richard Bruice—Richard Hill.

wee the Collectors of St. Maryes pish have recd of Will: Atkin & Thomas Drake the above sayd sum of foure pounds & thirteen Shillings.
wittnes our hands (not signed).

Offecers Chosen in the pish of St. Maryes Leicester Aprill the 12th 1664.

Thomas Armestronge—John Travill—Churchwardens.

John Curr—William Wikes—Collectors for the poore.

Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Overseears for the poore.

John Wilkins—Nathaniell Reade—Overseears for the high wayes.

Matthew ffisher—Richard Parsons—Sidesmen to the Churchwardens.

Dannett Abney, Alderman—Phillip Abney—Will Johnson—Edward Pollard—John Stafford—Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirckby—Roger Power—Richard Bruice—Richard Hill.

Briefs Collected by Thom: Armstrong and John Travell 1664 & by John Travell & Thom: Drake Churchwardens 1665.

Entry at end of Book.

	s.	d.
ffor Weedon in Northampton Shyre by Anthony Muskett	9	6
for Wytham in Sussex 8 May 1664	7	4
for Sandwich in Kent 22 May	6	4
for Will: Suter of Tamworth in Warwick Shyre ..	8	2
for bazeing Church in Hamp Shyre by Henry Crowther ..	6	5
for Tinmouth Church in Northumberland by Tho: Underwood	6	11
for Gizbrow in York Shyre by Henry Crowther ..	7	7
for Clackton in Essex by Christopher Chapman ..	4	10½
for Ilford in Essex by Thom: Underwood	4	0
for Cromer in Norfolk by Will Jellish	6	3
for Bidford in Warwick Shyre by Edward Reed ..	5	9
for St. Maryes Church in Westchester by Tho Underwood	5	4
for Shrievhailes in Stafford shire by Henry Crowther ..	5	5
for Cock-Shutt in Shrop shire by Hugh Perkins ..	6	1
for Hartlepury in Glocester Shire by Henry Crowther ..	5	0½
for Stilling fleett in York Shire by Joseph Beaverley ..	4	11
for fflouck brow in Lanka Shyre by Tho : Underwood ..	7	2
for Hartlepoole in the Bishoprick of Durham by Hen: Crowth^{r}:	6	7
for the Church of Clun-pn Shropshire by Henry Crowther	5	1
for Sutton Bonington in Nott: Shyre	3	8
for Offchurch in Warwick Shyre—Edw : Arnold ..	-	-
for Acton Trussell in Stafford-Shyre Henry Crowther ..	3	5

Offecers Chosen by the Major part of the thirteene in the pish of St. Maryes Leicester March the 28th 1665.

As followeth

John Travell—Thomas Drake—Churchwardens.
Daniell Smyth—Roger Power—Overseears for the poore.
Mr. Will: Deane—Mr. Georg Mountney—Collectors.
John Brown Mason—Rob: Brown Shoemaker, Overseers for the highwayes.
Will: Spenser—Will: Smyth Shoemaker—Sidesmen.

Walter Rudinge—Daniell Smyth—William Johnson—John Stafford—Edward Pollard—Robert Lanckton—Richard Kirckby Roger Power Rich : Bruce—Dannett Pollard—Rich : Hill.

Thomas Armstrong & John Travell Churchwardens theire payments 1664.

Imp: a spring lock and a key deliverd to John Mason for the eight and forty mens seat 11 Apr: 1664	s. 2	d. 6
It: 12 Apr: 1 : lb : of 8^{d} nailes delivered to David Price for that seat	0	8

	s.	d.
It: to the ringers the Coronation day	2	6
It: 26 of Aprill at a visitation it cost at the Court & for our dinners & beare	15	0
It: 2 yards of winscott for the seat that was altered wherein Doctor Mason sitts to Ri: Harbert	6	0
It: for Railes and banisters a[d] post for the dore & for a dayes work	8	0
It: a[d] latch & catch for the dore & ½lb of 8[d] nayles ..	1	2
It: 2 stulps for the benches and a dayes work of David Price helping the joyner	1	2
It: to the Ringers for the Kings Birth-day and his restoration	5	0
It: for painting the seat & 1[d] of lath nailes	1	9
It: for new binding the Church Bible to Mr. Liencoln ..	9	0
It: to widd: Sheepey for 3 new bell-Ropes 25[li] weight at 6[d]..	12	6
It: to David Price for his midsomer quarter	6	8
It: for a book to the parritor for the Bishops Visitation ..	0	4
It: for wyre to the clock-hamer 21 July	0	6
It: at the primary visitation of Benjamine* Lord Bishop of Liencolne at the Court & diners & beare	14	10
It: to Rich: Harbert for mending the Cradle of the Beare & other work in the Church	2	0
It: to George Bingham & Will Davie for 3 hedghoggs ..	0	6
It: to Robert Painter & Pall Smyth for 11 hedghoggs ..	1	10
It: to George Bingham & Rob: Painter for 5 more ..	0	10
It: to Nathaniell Sims for St. Maryes Lane 29 Sep: ..	5	0
It: at the Arch-deacons† visitation 19 Octob: 1664 ..	10	6
It: to David Price for Michaellmas quarter	6	8
It: to Walter Alsop for 2 new slatts for 4th & 5th bells ..	0	8
It: to Thomas Tyler for whittleather then	0	2
It: to the Ringers the 5 of November 1664	3	4
It: to Mr. Billings for 1[li]: of feathers & mending the pulpitt Cushing	1	8
It: for a new chamber pott to the Vestery	2	4
	6	3 1

more disbursements.

	£	s.	d.
It: to David Price for his Chrismas quarter	0	6	8
It: to David for other things as his bill showeth ..	0	5	2
It for writeing 2 books & p'fecting the Accompts ..	0	4	0
It ½[li] of Candles & 4 billetts & a faggott at a meeting ..	0	0	8
It: for lyme & sand & the masons laying down Mr. Lees childs Graveston & David helping him	0	2	0
It: to David for 2 days at once & 2 dayes another time in clensing the leads & spouts & a purr for 4th bell ..	0	2	10

* Benjamin Laney, Bishop of Lincoln 1663-1667. † Clement Bretton, D.D., rector of Church Langton about 1642, sequestered in 1644-5, but restored in 1660; Archdeacon of Leicester 1663; died at Uppingham 1669, and there buried. See the *Transactions* iii. 217.

It: to the parritor for delivering a sequestration for the vickeryall Tythes of St. Maryes pish	0	2	0
It: for our scitation to the Court & charges	0	0	8
It: to Will: Cramp for a balrick to the 4th bell ..	0	1	0
It: to Rich: Harbert for mending a seat in ye Church ..	0	0	4
It: 14 March at a second sumons by the Parrito^r^: before the Arch-deacon & our charges it cost	0	1	6
It: to ffrancis Ashwell for scowring the pewter* ..	0	1	6
It: to Richard Harbert for a New Board to the Comunion Table for the fflaggons & Cupps to stand upō :† ..	0	0	10
It: to David for Lady dayes quartridg	0	6	8
It: the last snowe payd David for 3 dayes work in clensing the Leads & spouts	0	2	0
It: to David for twice mending the clock works and turning the Nutts that were yowld and worne	0	1	0
It: for Oyle to the Clock at Lady day 166$\frac{4}{5}$	0	0	4
It: to Mrs. Bond washing the Cyrpless and Table linnen all the whole yeare	0	6	0
It: to the Parritor for a new Comon-prayer-booke to be read the 5th of Aprill 1665 upon the fast day for the Royall navie‡	0	1	0
It: to the Parrito^r^: then for his fee (or wages)	0	0	6
It: to Nathaniell Sims for St. Maryes Lane due at Lady Day last	0	5	0
It: Payd John Mason the old Churchwarden which he was out of purs when he left the office	2	15	0
It: to John Hall the Glazier as his bill & receipt shews ..	5	3	3
It to Mr. Cotes for wine as his Bill Shows with a receipt ..	4	6	0
It to Mr. Liencoln for a Comon prayer book & buke of Canons	0	6	6
It: to Daniell Smyth for work done about the Church ..	0	7	0
It: to David Price for his bill of old time	0	10	6
this page ..	15	19	11
& ..	6	3	1
payd in all ..	22	03	00

Thomas Armstrong & John Travell Churchwardens 166$\frac{4}{5}$.
their Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^d^ of Mr. Lee for breaking the ground in the church ..	0	6	8
Received in full of two Laives (supers being alowed) ..	21	19	0
Received in all	22	5	8

* Probably the Silver Communion Plate was stolen or melted down during the Commonwealth, and pewter was used instead. † A somewhat unusual article.
‡ War had been declared against the Dutch 22nd February.

March 28th, 1665.

	£	s.	d.
Memorand: that Thomas Armstrong and John Travell the then Church wardens Exhibited their Accompts and charge themselves with the Receipt of Twenty Two pounds ffive Shillings & eight pence, I say	22	5	8
And their payments (aproved of) are Twenty and two pounds & three Shillings. I say	22	3	0
Soe then their is due to the pish from the sayd Church-wardens Two shillings and eight pence	00	2	8

Walter Rudinge—Phillip Abney—Daniall Smyth—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lanckton—Roger Power—Dannet Pollard—Rich: Hill.

March the 28th 1665.

John Ker and Will[m] Wykes they then Collectors for the poore Exhibitted their Accompts and charge themselves to have received for 4 quarters the sum of ffifty pounds seaventeen shillings and eight pence I say .. .. £ 50 s. 17 d. 8

And their payments (aprooved of) are fourty three pounds sixteen shill: and eleven pence I say .. .. £ 43 16 11

Soe then there is due to the pish from the sayd Collectors upon the ffoott of their Accompt the sum of seaven pound & nyne pence the which the sayd collectors payd at the same tyme—I say the payd it to Roger Rower .. £ 007 s. 00 d. 9

Aprill the 18th 1666 received of Roger Rower .. £ 7 s. 0 d. 9

Walter Rudinge.	Phillip Abney.	Daniall Smyth.
Edward Pollard.	Richard Kirckby.	Robert Langton.
Roger Rower.	Dannett Pollard.	Rich: Hill.

May the 21th 1665.

The names of the thirteene of the parish of St. Maryes Leicester As followeth—

Walter Rudinge—William Rudinge—Rich: Mason Dannett Abney Alderman—John Stafford his I S marke—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby his R Marke—Robert Lanckton his Z marke Richard Bruce —Dannett Pollard.

As A Greed by us whose names Aire heare Above written the day And yeare Above saide that

All the Offecers chosen upon tewsday in Ester weeke Aire confermed in theire places As they then ware Chosen in.

May the 22th 1665.

Offecers Chosen by the Major part of the thirteene for the parish of St. Maryes Leicester As followeth that is to say by us whose names Aire heare unto subscribed.

John Travill—Thomas Drake—Churchwardens.

Daniall Smyth—Roger Power—Overseears for the poore.

William Daine—George Mountney—Collectors for the poore.

Robert Browne—John Browne—Overseeares for the Highwayes.

William Spencer—William Smyth—Sides men.

Walter Rudinge—Rich: Mason—Wil: Rudinge—Dannett Abney—John Stafford his I S marke—Edward Pollard—Robert Lanckton his ꝟ marke—Richard Kirckby his R marke Richard Bruce—Dannett Pollard.

John Travell & Thom Drake Churchwardens.
their payments in the years 1665 & 1666.

	£	s.	d.
Im̃: the 3d of Aprill to Will Page for a hedghogg ..	0	0	2
It at the vissitation by Doctor Clement Brittain Archdeacon the 12 Aprill 8: diners	0	7	0
It: it Cost at the Court then	0	3	0
It: in beare & Tobacco in the morning, After diner & after the Court was ended	0	7	10
It: for mending a Seat in the Church	0	0	6
It: to the ringers the Crownation day..	0	2	6
It: for 5 matts to Joseph Cave for the Bell-Ropes ..	0	2	6
It: to widd: Sheepy for 2 bell-ropes 16li & ½ at 6d. ..	0	8	3
It: to Thomas Wall for 2 dayes worke about the bells himself and his sone	0	7	0
It: to Thomas Armstrong then for nayles	0	1	0
It: Bread & 4 times	0	1	4
It: 14 ffoot & ½ of Board for srowds	0	3	7½
It: for Bushes for the bells	0	0	10
It: David price his 2 dayes helping them	0	1	4
It: one pound of wyre for the Clock	0	0	6
It: for Dan:ll Smyth for worke done about the bells ..	0	4	3
It: to John Hall & his 2 sons for mending the leads ..	0	2	0
It: for David helping them & the Smyth	0	1	0
It: bread & board then to the workmen	0	0	4
It: given to the Ringers the 29 of May it being the Kings Birth-day & the day of his restoration	0	5	0
It: for shootting some of the bell-ropes &c	0	0	8
It: to the Ringers the 10 June for Joy of A Victory over the Dutch in money†	0	5	0
It: for bread & board then to Them	0	1	8

	£	s.	d.
It: for a new Bench in the 48 mens-wives-seat * & making it a little wider	0	1	11
It: for nailes 2^{d} and beare 2^{d}	0	0	4
It: for matting the 48 wives seat *	0	2	3
It: to David Price for his midsom̃er quarter	0	6	8
It: to him for oyle	0	0	2
It: 2 books with new-parchment covers the one for the church and the other for the poore	0	3	0
It: 3^{d} July given to one Mr. ffowler a poore decayed minister at the desire of Mr. Bond	0	2	0
It: Given to the Ringers the 4th of July it being a thanks-giving day for a victory against the Dutch by order from Mr. Ruding †	0	3	4
Sum is ..	4	6	11½

	£	s.	d.
Item payd the Aparitor for a booke of Com̃on prayer and a p'clamation for the monthly fast	0	1	0
It: for a new-howre-glass	0	0	10
It: given to the Ringers by Mr. Mayo^{rs} order for 2 dayes 1 and 2 Aug: when the Duke of Yorke came to Leicester‡	0	7	0
It: for laying downe 2 graves in the Church the one for Robert Attons wife & the other Mrs. Sheepy	0	2	0
It: 2 strike of Lyme to John Wilkins..	0	1	2
It: for 2 strike of sand & Davids helping one day ..	0	1	0
It: 15 September for a new sole to the great bell and nailes and workmanship	0	2	0
It: 24 September to the Ringers for the Duke of York§ ..	0	2	6
It: to the Ringers for the Dutches of York 2 October‖	0	1	0
It: to David for his michaellmas quarter	0	6	8
It: to Nath: Sim̃s for St. Maries lane due 29 Sep. 1665 ..	0	5	0
It: at the vissitation the 11th of October 7 diners ..	0	6	0
It: at the Court it cost	0	2	6
It: in bear & Tobacco from first to last	0	7	10

* It seems that seats in St. Mary's Church were reserved for the wives of the Forty-eight or Common Councillors.

† The English Fleet, consisting of one hundred men-of-war, divided into three squadrons, led by Vice-Admiral Lawson, Prince Rupert, and the Earl of Sandwich, the Duke of York having the chief command, assembled at Gunfleet in March 1665. On June 3rd the first encounter took place in the neighbourhood of the roadstead of Harwich, the guns being heard at Westminster, the English Fleet defeating the Dutch. See *Ranke's History of England*, iii. 427-8; *Annals of England*, iii. 38.

‡ The Duke of York, afterwards James II., was at Leicester on his way to the North, amd lodged at Lord's Place July 31st and August 1st 1665. He was hospitably entertained by the Corporation, who spent £15 11s. 6d. for a Banquet in his honour. See *W. Kelly's Royal Progresses and Visits to Leicester*, p. 461.

§ The Duke was apparently only passing through the town on this second visit. *Ibid*, p. 467. ‖ The Duchess of York was Lady Anne Hyde, daughter of Lord Chancellor Clarendon, and mother of Queens Mary and Anne. Great preparations were made in Leicester for her formal reception; and she lodged, though probably for one night only, at Lord's Place. *Ibid*, p. 469.

	£	s.	d.
It: 20: October in ffewell at a meeting	0	0	5
It: 5: November given to the Ringers	0	3	4
It: 13 Novem: to Widd Sheepy for a bell rope for the third bell weighing 10^{li} for the 3^{d} bell	0	5	0
It: 18 Novem to Dan^{ll}: Smyth for a New Hollow Key and mending the lock to the Church dore	0	2	6
It: to Richard Hurbert for 2 dayes worke and about the Bell Wheels	0	2	4
It: for nailes then 9^{d}, & for a plank & 2: Matts 20^{d} ..	0	2	5
It: to ffran: Ashwell for scowring the pewter belonging to the Church, for Oyle, chalk & labour, for one year ..	0	1	6
It: one hundred weight of Coles & wood at a meeting at Christmas	0	1	4
It: to David Price for his Christmas Quarter	0	6	8
It: 23 Decr to John Wilkinson for 2 hedghoggs ..	0	0	4
It:—to him for killing a Bitch fox by order from Mr. Ruding	0	2	6
It:—for drawing a large Account out of the Church-book by order of the vestry	0	1	6
It: for trussing up the 3^{d} bell & mending the wheell and also for mending a seat dore in the Church	0	1	2
It: 6: ffeb: to David for Clensing the leads	0	1	0
It: 14 ffeb for nailes & mending the great bell-wheell ..	0	1	4
It: given to a poore man with a letter of request out of Warwick Shyre at Mr. bonds desire	0	1	0
It: to John Brown mason for laying down Rob: Attons daughters grave in the Church	0	1	0
It: lyme & sand & Davids helping	0	1	0
It: to Nathaniell Sims for St. Maryes lane due 25 Mar. 1666	0	5	0
It: to David for his Lady days quarter	0	6	8
Sum is ..	4	14	6

Brought over the leaf the 2 last pages	9	1	5½
Item: to Thomas Wall for trussing the 4th bell and takeing her out of the Brasses & fastening her gudgeons & mending the shrouds 2 dayes work himself & his man ..	0	7	0
It: 13 ffoot & ½ of large board for to make shrouds ..	0	3	4
It: bread & beare 4 times to the Church	0	1	4
It: to David Price 2 dayes work in helping them ..	0	1	4
It: to Daniell Smyth for 3°: new keys & 3 larg fferrills ..	0	1	6
It: for nailes	0	0	8
It: wood for Boulsters to take up the Bell out of the Brasses	0	0	6
It: to Mrs. Bond for a Twelvemonths washing the surpless and other linen belonging to the Cõmunion Table ..	0	6	0
It: for laying downe Mr. Armstrongs graveston and his daughters & some other work in the Church	0	2	6
It: for David helping & 3 strike of sand	0	1	2
It: bread & beare to the workmen then	0	0	4

£ s. d.
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	£	s.	d.
It: to John Wilkinson for another hedghogg	0	0	2
It: Oyle for the clock	0	0	2
It: to David for mending the clock wyre and Shootting the great bell rope	0	0	6
It: a strike of lyme to George Eiches..	0	1	2
It: for Ingrossing & casting up this account	0	1	6
It: 14 Apr to Jonas Smyth for a hedghogg	0	0	2
It: 16 Apr to Danll Smyth for mending the key and lock in the steeple leading to the leads	0	0	6
It: to Richard Harbert for mending the Comunion Table & 4 foott of board & 3 nayles & other work a day & half	0	3	6
It: bread & beare & Davids helpe	0	1	0
Payd ..	10	15	9½

John Travell & Thom: Dake Churchwardens.

Their Receipts 1665 & 1666.

	£	s.	d.
Imp: wee ogt Thomas Armstrong the old Churchwarden to pfect his Accounts	0	2	8
It: for breaking the Ground for Esqr Armstrong and his daughters graves..	0	13	4
It: for breaking the ground for Mrs. Sheepy	0	6	8
It: for Rob: Attons wife & daughter..	0	13	4
It: for one single layve the sups being alowed	10	12	9
recd	12	8	9

Recd upon this Account twelve pounds eight Shill and nynepence I say	12	8	9
payd in all ten: pounds ffifteen Shillings and nyne pence halfe peny	10	15	9½
Soe there Rests due to the pish at the ffoott of this Account	1	12	11½

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—Phillip Abney—James Abney—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—John Stafford—Robert Lanckton.

Leicr the 20 Apri 1666.

	£	s.	d.
Wee the now Churchwardens of St. Maryes pish have recd the above sayd sum of one pound twelve shillings and eleven pence half peny from the hand of John Travell late Churchwarden wee say recd	1	12	11½

wittness our hands—Thom: T Drake
his marke.

Offecers Chosen by the Major part of the thirteene of the parish of St. Maryes Leicester whose names Aire heareunto subscribed the 17th day of Aprill 1666: As followeth

Thomas Drake And Mr. George Mountney	Churchwardens
Docter Mason And Mr. James Abney	Overseears for the poore.
William Spencer And Joseph Eason	Collectors for the poore.
Matthew ffisher And William Smyth	Overseears for the highwayes.
Jeffrey Hinman James Bruice	Sidesmen.

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—Phillip Abney—James Abney. Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—John Staford—Robert Lanckton.

Aprill the 18th 1666.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. William Deane And Mr. George Mountney ould Collectors for the poore of the parish of St. Maryes Leicester Exhebbeted theire Accounts And they charged them with the receite of	55	01	9
theire payments Amounts to	52	11	9
theire deductines being Alowed Amounts to	01	7	10
Seo theire remaines dew to the parish upon the foote of theire Accounts the sum of	01	02	2
the same day received of Mr. William Deane And Mr. George Mountney ould Collectors	1	2	2

Dannett Abney—Phillip Abney—James Abney—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lanckton—Dannett Pollard.

Payments.

Thomas Drake And George Mountney Churchwardens theire Accounts Aprill the 9th 1667 As ffolloweth.

	li	s.	d.
ffor mendinge the north wall of the Church that fell downe for lime And sand Masons laborars Carpenters in the wholl As Appeares by bill	1	9	10
pd for a new plancke And stoope for a seate	0	1	8
pd the Ringers on the Crownation day	0	2	0
pd for 4 hedgehoggs to John Wilkesson & for stones that the Masons wanted Aboute the wall	0	1	2
pd the ringers the 29th of May & 2d nailes for a seate ..	0	5	2
pd att the vesitation in Aprill 1666 Att the Coarte ..	0	3	0
pd for 8 mens dinners And beear And tobacko	0	13	0
pd for 2-bell ropes 4th and 5th bells And a Clocke rope ..	0	14	0
pd to Daniall Smyth for mendinge the Claper for ye Grate bell	0	5	0
pd for a sole And nailes for the Grate bell & for Davids worke	0	3	8
pd to Robert bates bell hanger for worke & bred & beeare..	0	4	9
pd for wiar And other thinges Aboute the clocke	0	2	0
pd to David price for midsommer Quarter	0	6	8
pd for clensing the Spoutt to David & for 2 hedge hoggs to John Wilkesson	0	0	10

	£	s.	d.
pd to John Stafford & John Earpe & Richard Mason for fowre Hedgehoggs	0	0	8
pd to the Ringers the 6th day of August itt beeinge A day of thankes Giveinge for A victory over the Dutch* ..	0	5	0
pd for A new Hower Glass	0	0	10
pd to the Ringers the 23th of August itt beeinge A day of thankes Giveinge for A victory over the Dutch* ..	0	5	0
pd to the parrator for A booke for the thanks giveinge ..	0	0	6
pd to a letter of Request—by order of the Major ..	0	1	0
pd to David Price for Mighell mas Quarter	0	6	8
pd to Nathaniell Symes for St. Maryes laine for halfe A yeare Endinge Att Mighellmas	0	5	0
pd to Emanewell Manton for a booke ye 10th of October ..	0	0	6
pd for mendinge the Sought porkrh of the Church for Slates lime And sande And slators worke And for nailes And timber And Carpenters worke As Appeeares by bill ..	1	7	10
pd to John Hall And his sonn William for mendinge the windowes for Glass leade And sawder As Appeeares by bill And for bred And beeare	1	18	7
	9	4	4

	li	s.	d.
pd to Cave for A Matt All Alonge the Seeate wheare ye Church wardens Sitt & for nailes	0	5	0
pd to John Kellett for mendinge A Seate in the Chansell ..	0	0	4
pd to John Browne for mendinge A Grave in the Chancell that fell in	0	0	4
pd to Gilbert Stafford & John Stafford for killinge 4 hedge hoggs in Mr. Rudinges Ground	0	0	8
pd for A Gudginge for the 2d bell	0	0	6
October the 13th 1666 paide Att the visetation for 7: mens dinners And for beeare And the Charge of the Coarte ..	0	13	6
pd to the Ringers the 5th of November	0	3	4
pd to David price for A Strike of Charcole when the leades was mended	0	0	10
pd to David Price for St. thomas Quarter	0	6	8
pd to him for mendinge the clocke	0	1	0
pd for layinge down Mr. Nowells Grave	0	1	8
pd for Lights And ffiaringe for 3: meetinges	0	1	8
pd for A new bell rope wayinge 7li & halfe	0	3	9
pd to David price for Clensinge the leades and for St. Thomas Quarter	0	7	8
pd to Nathaniell Symes for St. Maryes laine endinge Att Lady day last	0	5	0
pd to the Clarcke for oyle And Chalke And scowringe the pewter the wholl yeare	0	1	6

* On May 10th, 1667, Sir John Harman defeated the united Dutch and French Fleet in the West Indies. On June 7th, the Dutch fleet consisting of sixty-one vessels, led by De Ruyter, appeared in the Thames, took Sheerness, set fire to some English ships in the river, and sailed on to Upnor. A treaty of peace was signed July 21st. See *Ranke's History of England*, iii. 444-5; *Annals of England*, iii. 61.

	li	*s.*	*d.*
pd for layin downe Mr. James Abnyes Grave for lime And sand And workemans wages	0	2	6
pd to Daniell Smyth for A Gudginge for ye 2^{d} bell ..	0	0	6
pd to Edward Pollard for the laive booke And for keepeinge And Ingroceinge the Accounts	0	2	6
	2	18	11
	9	04	4
	12	3	3

Thomas Drake And George Mountney Churchwardens.
An Account of theire receites Aprill the 9th 1667.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The wholl booke Amounts to	10	17	5½
Received of Mr. Thomas Wadland for his seate in the Church	00	13	4
Received for Mr. Nowells Grave in the Church.. ..	00	6	8
Received for Mr. James Abnyes Grave in the Church ..	00	6	8
	12	4	1½
the deductions Amountes to beeinge Allowed	00	3	1½
Sume is ..	12	1	0

Aprill the 9th 1667.

	li	*s.*	*d.*
Thomas Drake And George Mountney the then Churchwardens Exhibbeted theire Accounts And they Charged themselves with the receite of	12	1	0
theire payments Amounts to	12	3	3
Seo theire remaines dew to the saide Churchwardens Att the ffoote of theire Accountt	00	2	3

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—John I S Stafford his marke.
Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lanckton—Dannett Pollard.

Aprill the 9th 1667. It appeareth By the accounts of William Spencer and Joseph Easton the then Collectors when they gave in theire accompts that the Prish oweth them .. ..

li	*s.*	*d.*
4	8	4

Septemb^{r} the 20th 1671.*

Receved of the Churchwardens of the parish of St. Maryes in Leic^{r} Collected for Elizabeth Bunnyer the sume of tenn shillinges By me Thomas Abold.

Aprell the 9th 1667.

Offecers Chosen in the parish of St. Maryes Leicester As ffolloweth.

George Mountney—William Wikes,	Churchwardens.
John Mason—Thomas Armstronge,	Overseeares for the poore.
James Palmer—Richard Parsons,	Collectors for the poore.
Matthew ffisher—William Crampe,	Sides Men.
Jeffery Hinman—James Bruice,	Overseeares for the High wayes.

* This memorandum appears here misplaced.

Walter Rudinge—Dannett Abney—John Stafford—Edward Pollard. Richard Kirckby—Robert Lanckton—Dannett Pollard.

The names of the thirteene of St. Maryes parish As ffolloweth.

Walter Rudinge Esquire—Dannett Abney Alderman.
Richard Mason Doctor of Phizicke—William Rudinge, Gentleman.
Phillep Abney—Daniall Smyth—John Stafford—Edward Pollard—Richard Kirckby—Robert Lanckton—Dannett Pollard—John Mason—Thomas Armestronge.

The Accompt of George Mountney Gente and Wiłłm Wikes Churchwardens for the pish of St. Maries Leic: made and exhibited the 24th of March in the yeare of o^r^ Lord 1667 vitz:

their desbursm^ts^ as followeth

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imp pd to the ringers on the Coronation day	00	02	06
It the Charges of the Corte att the visitation	00	03	00
It for 8 mens diners with beare & tobacco	00	13	02
It for a Shroud for the bell wheele 15 foote & halfe of board	00	03	02
It for a Crowne for a bell wheele & two stays for 2 terrells	00	01	00
It for a sole for the forth bell wheele..	00	00	06
It for Nailes of all sorts	00	01	00
It for oyle & whitleather	00	00	04
It for a new Slatt for the 4th bell	00	00	04
It for two Duftailes for a seat Doore	00	00	06
It to Daniell Smyth for jron worke about the bells and mending the barr of the Church Doore	00	02	02
It to David Price for 3 Daies worke	00	02	00
It to Walter Alsop for 3 daies worke about the bells ..	00	06	00
It for bread & beare	00	01	00
It for 2 bell ropes of 14li waight	00	07	00
It to the ringers on the 29th May	00	05	00
It to Jo: Browne for laying downe Mr. Carters childs grave and other worke in the Church	00	01	06
It to David Price for one daies worke	00	00	08
It for half a pound of wire for the clocke	00	00	08
It for dressting the clocke and putting in the rolls ..	00	01	00
It to David Price for his midsomer q^ter	00	06	08
It for a paire of Duftailes & nailes	00	00	10
It for 2 Stulps for a seate & ledge for the deske doore ..	00	01	00
It for a board for the Vestry doore	00	00	03
It to Walter Alsop for his worke about the same ..	00	01	00
It to David Price for his worke	00	00	08
It to Jo: Wilkinson for 3 hedghogs	00	00	06
It for bread and beare when the clocke was mending ..	00	00	10
It to Mr. Maulston for a hedghog	00	00	02
It to Jo: Wilkinson for 2 hedghogs	00	00	04
It the ffees att the Visitation 1 Octob..	00	03	00
It for 7 mens diners with beare & tobacco	00	11	00

	li	*s.*	*d.*
It to Daniell Smyth his bill for mending ye clock ..	01	09	02
It to David Price for 5 daies & clensing the leads ..	00	04	00
It for his Mich q[r]ter	00	06	08
	05	18	07

Disbursm[ts] 1667.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
It pd to Nathaniell Symes for repairing St. Maries lane ..	00	05	00
It to Tho: Wall for 2 daies worke about the bells ..	00	05	00
It for wedges nailes & other materiales	00	01	02
It to David Price for 2 daies worke	00	01	04
It for bread & beare	00	01	00
It to the Ringers on the fift of Novemb	00	03	04
It to ffr: Ashwell for scouring the Church Pewter and for oyle & chalk for the whole year	00	01	06
It to Mrs. Bond for washing the surplice & table linen for the yeare 1666	00	06	00
It for a clasp upon the church booke	00	00	04
It to David Price for clensing the leads and for strings for the bell clapers..	00	00	10
It to him more for clensing the leads upon the breake of a Snow	00	00	08
It for mending a locke upon the vestry doore	00	00	06
It for coles wood & candles for vestry meetings ..	00	01	07
It to Jo: Brooks for mending the midle Alley in the Church	00	00	04
It to David Price his wages for St. Thomas q[r]ter ..	00	06	08
It given to a decayed gent[man] by Mr. Majors appbatio ..	00	01	06
It for mending a Seat in the Church	00	00	04
It for a strike of Charcole	00	01	00
It to a poore man of Mountsorrell by Mr. Majors orders	00	01	00
It to the plumber for mending the leads and glassing the windowes as appears by bill	01	12	00
for breade and bearre	00	01	00
It to Jo: Browne for laying down Mr. Maulstons childs grave & other work about the Church	00	01	06
It to David Price for one daies worke	00	00	08
It to him for 2 daies work helping the plumber ..	00	01	04
It to Jo Browne for laying downe Henery Mounteneys grave for lime & sand and other worke in the Church ..	00	02	03
It to David Price for a daies worke	00	00	08
It to Mrs Bond for washing the surplice and table linen this p[r]sent yeare 1667	00	06	00
It to Jo: Wilkinson for a hedghog	00	00	02
It to David Price for wages for Easter qter	00	06	08
It to Nath Syms for repairing St. Maries lane	00	05	00
It to Daniell Smyth for keeping the clocke in order untill the psent time	00	02	03
It for keeping the books writing accompts & leivy ..	00	02	06

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
It to the Gunsmith for worke done in the Steeple & aboute ye Church as apearse by Bill	00	04	10
It to John Earpe for a hedghoge	00	00	02
Sume is	05	06	04

The following Accounts are inserted at the end of the book.

Entry at end of Book.

Breifes Colected by George Mountney & William Wikes 1667 for Newprote in Shrop Shire the 24th of March .. £ 1 s. 6 d. 4

Payments by Tho. Drake & Mr. Georg Mountney Churchwardens 1666 and 1667.

	li	*s.*	*d.*
Imp: for mending the Church wall 18 Strike of Lyme	0	9	8
It: 3 quarter of sand	0	4	0
It: for Haire	0	0	4
It: to the Clark for 2 dayes helping & clensing ..	0	1	4
It: to the masons John Brown 4 dayes & Georg 3 days	0	8	2
It: to Ralph ffowler: there labourer for 4 dayes ..	0	3	4
It: bread & beare	0	2	4
It: to the Carpenter half a dayes work & beare ..	0	0	8
It: A new plank & one stoop for a Seat	0	1	8
It: to the Ringers of St. Georges day Crownation ..	0	2	6
It: for 4 hedghogs from John Wilkinson & Howitts ..	0	0	8
It: for stones that the Masons wanted	0	0	6
It: for nailes about the seats then	0	0	2
It: at the vissitation 23 Apr at the Court	0	3	0
It: for 8 diners bear and Tobacko	0	13	0

1667.

The receipts of the aforesaid Geo: Mountney and Willm Wikes as followeth.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Imp^s^ . . . theire q^r^terly leavie	11	03	04
It of Mr. Wadland for his seat in the church	00	13	04
It of the Lady Hungate for p cureing the ground to be broken up for the intering of Mr. Hungates daughter..	00	06	08
It of Mr. Carter for the like for intering his child ..	00	06	08
It of Mr. Maulston for the like for intering his child ..	00	06	08
It for breaking up the ground for the intering of Henery Mounteney	00	06	08
Sume	13	03	08
disburs ..	11	04	08
Supers beinge alowed amountes to	00	07	4
Soe theire remanes due to the prish the 24 of March 1667	01	11	4

	li.	s.	d.
George Mounteney & William Wikes then Churchwardens exhibbetted theire acompts and they Charged themselves with the receipte of thirteene	13	3	4
theire payments amounts to	11	4	8
Soe theire remaines due to the pish at the foote of theire acompt	01	11	4
John Mason & Tho Armstronge the then overseers of the poore Charged themselves with the receipt of	14	15	2
the payments amounts to	12	17	4
Soe theire remains due to the pish	01	17	10

William Rudinge—John Stafford—Richard Kirby—Robert Langton —Dannet Pollard—John Mason—Thomas Armestrong—Daniell Smith —George Mounteney.

Aprill the 2d

James Palmer & Richard Parsons Exhibbett theire acompts & they Charged themselves with the Receipt of ..	51	15	06
theire payments amounts to	41	10	1
Supers & other payments	08	10	11
Soe theire remains due to the Pish at the foote of theire acompt	02	10	6

Ofisscers Chosen in the Pish of St. Maries in Leicester as followeth :

William Wikes—John Wilkins,	Churchwardens.
Matthew ffisher—Tho. Grante,	Collectors.
Roberte Langton—George Mounteney,	Overseers for the poore.
Vallentine Abbottes—John Kellett,	Sidesmen.
John Burrows—William Kempe,	Overseers for the highwais.

William Rudinge—Roberte Langton—Thomas Armstrong—Daniel Smith—Dannett Pollard—Geo. Mounteney—Richard Kirbey—John Mason.

The 2d of Aprill 1.6.6.8

Pd to mathew ffisher & Thomas Grante the then Colectors five pound thertene Shillings & eleven pence.

the names of the theirtene as they then stoode.

Danet Abney—Phillip Abney—Robert Langton—John Mason—Thomas Drake—Walter Rudinge—Richard Cerbey—Thomas Armstrong—Danet Pollard—John Wilkins*—William Rudinge—John Stafford—Daniel Smith—George Mounteney*—Richard Hill.*

* These names seem to have been added afterwards being in a different handwriting and ink.

The Accompt of Will Wikes and John Wilkins Church wardens of the Pish of St. Maries exhibbeted the 13th of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1.6.6.9 as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
imp pd at the Court at easter vissitation	0	3	0
itt for 8 mens dinners with beare and to backo	0	12	0
pd the Ringers on the Coronation day	0	2	6
to Will Spires for a hedghoge	0	0	2
to John Browne for Layinge downe Doctor Masons grave ..	0	1	0
for lime & sand	0	0	4
to David Price for his worke	0	0	4
to a decayed gentlewoman by Mr. Maiors order	0	1	0
to a poore man in distress	0	0	6
to John Browne layinge downe Mr. Warbbuttons wifes grave	0	1	0
for lime & sand	0	0	4
to David Price for his worke	0	0	4
to John Browne for layinge downe Doctor Walloones Childs grave	0	1	0
for Lime and Sand	0	0	4
to David Price for his worke	0	0	4
to two poore travelers by Mr. Maiors order	0	1	0
pd to the Roper for two bell ropes waying Sixteene pound & halfe	0	8	3
to David Price for his midsumer qter	0	6	8
to Tho: Licorish for mending the third bell wheele ..	0	2	0
for wood to make two spoakes..	0	0	4
for nailes	0	0	4
for bread & beare	0	0	8
to David Price for his worke	0	0	8
Sume is ..	2	4	1

disburs.

	£	s.	d.
Imp to Tho: Licorish for mendinge the fourth bell wheele..	0	2	0
for a boarde & a shroude	0	1	11
for nailes of all Sorts	0	0	5
for Davids worke	0	0	8
for bread & beare	0	0	7
for a Coppy takinge out of the register for all wedinges Christ nings & burialls since Sixtie	0	2	2
to John Wilkinson for 2 hedghogs	0	0	4
for Charges at the Court at the Bishopps vissitation ..	0	4	0
for the booke of Artickles	0	1	0
for the visitation diners	0	11	0
for ringinge when the bishopp was in towne	0	3	4
to horsley for a hedghoge	0	0	2
to John browne for layinge downe Michaell Pawleys wifes grave	0	1	0

	£	s.	d.
for Lime & Sand	0	0	4
for Davids worke	0	0	4
to John Skellett for mendinge Mr. Rudings his Seate & the Pulpet Staires & for board & nailes	0	4	8
David Price for his michaellmus qter	0	6	8
to Nathaniell Sims for halfe a yeare for mendinge the Maries Lane endinge at michaellmus	0	5	0
to John Browne for layinge downe widdow Attons grave ..	0	1	0
for lime & Sand	0	0	8
to David Price for his worke	0	0	4
the Charges at the Court at the visitation upon the third of Novemb..	0	3	0
for the visitation diners	0	10	0
Sume is ..	3	10	7

Disburs.

	li.	s.	d.
—Ip Delivering in the Register	0	2	6
—It pd to the Ringers the 5 of Novemb	0	3	4
to John Browne for mendinge holes in the Church & Church porch	0	0	7
for Lime & Sand	0	0	8
for David worke	0	0	4
for beare	0	0	2
to a Poore man which was in distress by Mr. Maiors order..	0	0	6
pd hall his Bill for worke done a boute the Leades ..	2	3	2
for beare at the layinge downe the Leades	0	0	7
to a Poore man & his familey	0	0	4
pd to the Roper for two Bell Ropes wayinge 13 pound ..	0	6	6
to David for St. Thomas qter	0	6	8
for wood Soles & Candles at the Vestrey meetings ..	0	1	4
to frances Ashwell for Scowring the plate	0	1	6
to John Browne for layinge downe graves of Mrs. Hugates two children	0	2	0
for lime and sand	0	0	10
for David Price for his worke	0	0	8
to a Poore Dumbe man	0	0	4
to David Price for Clensinge the Leads at the break of a Snow	0	0	6
pd to John Wikes for an indightement Layd upon the Prish of St. Maries	1	0	0
pd for other Charges	0	0	10
to John Staffords Sone for a hedghoge	0	0	2
to Will Cave for 5 Matts for the bells	0	2	6
pd to Nathaniell Sims for repaireinge the Marie Lane ..	0	5	0
to Daniell Smith for looking to the Clock 3 qters ..	0	3	4
Sume is ..	5	4	4

more disburs.

	li.	s.	d.
—Imp to Mrs. Bond for washinge the table Linnen & the Surplice..	0	6	0
for mendinge the Surplice	0	0	8
to David Price for his Lady day qter	0	6	8
for the Booke wrightinge & keepinge the accompt ..	0	2	6
Sume is ..	0	15	10
Sume toto ..	11	04	10

Receipts.

Imp for a qter Leavie*	10	16	4
for breakinge up the ground for Doctor mason	0	06	8
the like for Michaell Pawleys wife	0	06	8
the like for Mrs. Warberton	0	06	8
the like for Doctor walloones Childs	0	06	8
the like for Roberts attons mother	0	06	8
Rec of Mr. Wadland for his seate in the church ..	0	13	4
Sume is ..	13	03	0
Will Wikes & John Wilkins the then Church wardens exibbetted theire acompts the 13th of Aprill 1669 & they Charged themselves with the Receipt	13	03	†0
their payments Supers beinge allowed amounts	11	11	1
Soe theire remaines due to the pish at the foote of theire accompte	1	11	11

	li.	s.	d.
George Mounteney & Roberte Langton then oveerseers exebett theire acompts the 13th of Aprill 1669 & they Charged them selves with the receipte of	12	18	5
theire paiments amounts	08	‡7	9
Soe theire Remaines due to the pish which was then pd to the next overseers	04	09	8
I Say rec the saide sume of foure pound nine shillinges eight pence By me	04	09	§0

Thomas + Drake
his marke.

* The word "Leavie" is spelt "Lare" twice in 1665, "Lave" in 1656, "Laire" in 1664, and "Laive" in 1664-5. The *r* is evidently a clerical error for *v*. See pp. 233-4, 248, 253 *ante*.

† This is as it appears in the Book, but the payments were £13 3s. according to their account. ‡ The 7 is much blotted. § This is clearly 0 and not 8.

(*To be continued.*)

NOTES ON LEICESTERSHIRE INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM.

A list was given, in an earlier part of the present Volume (see pp. 63-73 *ante*), of the Inquisitions Post Mortem returned into the Court of Wards and Liveries, which are still preserved in the Public Record Office. Many other Inquisitions Post Mortem returned into this Court are lost; but particulars of the missing Inquisitions are given in some MS. volumes of Abstracts of these Inquisitions, which are to be found in the Public Record Office.

I now give a list of the Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem, taken from the MS. Index in nine volumes referred to on page 63 *ante*. For convenience of reference they are arranged alphabetically under the several reigns. They extend from 1 Henry VII. to 20 Charles I., 1485-1644. Interspersed amongst them are a few Inquisitions ad quod damnum. The list has never before been printed. It contains the names, &c., of 950 Crown Tenants who held property in Leicestershire.

W. G. Dimock Fletcher.

Calendar of Leicestershire Inquisitions Post Mortem returned into the King's Chancery.

1-24 Henry VII.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*No. of Inq.*	*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
5 Hen. VII.	140	Ad qd. damn. p' Cantar' de Swynford.
6 ,,	31	Ad qd. damn. p' Prior' de Launde p' terr' in Loddington.
11&12 ,,	91	Ad qd. damn. p' Prior' & conventu domus Visitacionis be' Marie.
14 ,,	26	Ad qd. damn. p' Priore & Conventu de Lauda.
17 ,,	47	Ad qd. damn. p' Abb'e de pratis juxta Leic.
22 ,,	78	Concess. br'is p' Collegio Xpi Cantebr'.
21 ,,	9	Appulby, Edmund.
15 ,,	91	Ashbye, Will. ar.
1 ,,	119	Blount, John, mil., d'n's de Mountjoy.
6 ,,	58	Brabson, Matilde, ar.
11&12 ,,	84	Brett, Will.
5 ,,	132	Broughton, John, ar.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*No. of Inq.*	*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
10 Hen. VII.	116	Burgh, Henr.
16 „	92	Burgh, Robt. fil. & her. Henr. Burgh de etat' proband'.
21 „	58	Catesby, Geo.
15 „	18	Constable, Ralph.
19 „	11	Corton, Richard.
21 „	126	Cotton, Tho.
22 „	103	Cotton, Tho.
10 „	104	Danett, John.
14 „	23	Dansey, John.
14 „	22	Derby, Wm. ar.
3 „	40	Enderby, Rich. mil.
20 „	84	Flamvile, Wm. mil., fil. & her. Wm. Flamvile, mil.
10 „	138	Forster, Tho.
15 „	114	Gray, Humfr.
22 „	121	Gray, Tho. ar.
3 „	60	Graystoke, Ralph, de Graystoke, mil.
20 „	65	Grey, John, nuper vic. Lisle.
14 „	112	Greye, John, de Bolton, mil.
20 „	39	Grysley, Tho. mil.
21 „	4	Hesilrig, John, de Nolsay.
14 „	18	Holand, Agnes.
11&12 „	86	Hunt, Hugo.
22 „	116	Jakes, Robt.
17 „	5	Kebell, Tho.
6 „	14	Nulla alienacio aliquarum terrarum ad manum mortuam infra Com. Leic. prout patet per Inquisitionem.
23 „	91	Lassell, Will.
20 „	65	Lisle, John Grey, nuper vic.
10 „	172	Lucy, Alice.
8 „	31	Lysle, Edward nuper vic.
8 „	83	Lysle, Edward nuper vic.
15 „	53	Mallery, John, ar.
21 „	3	Maners, Edw. fatu' (Northumbr.)
21 „	3	Maners, Jasper de felon' (Northumb.)
1 „	119	Mountjoye, John Blount, D'n's de.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*No. of Inq.*	*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
19 Hen. VII.	14	Nevill, Tho. ar.
13 „	21	Nevill, Wm.
21 „	150	Norreis, Agnes.
5 „	90	Northumbr'., Henry comes.
20 „	59	Poole, Eliz.
11&12 „	116	Pope, Wm.
8 „	35	Poultney, John.
22 „	13	Pulteney, Tho.
20 „	110	Roskyn, Elizabeth, un' fil' Jasper Roskyn.
4 „	82	Roskyn, Jasper.
20 „	112	Roskyn, Katherine, que fuit uxor Jasper Roskyn.
20 „	113	Roskyn, Katherine, un' fil' & hered' Jasper Roskyn.
10 „	82	Scrope, Tho. de Upsall.
22 „	111	Segrave, Tho.
3 „	96	Sherley, Tho.
1 „	94	Shirley, John.
21 „	151	Sotehill, Henr. ar.
24 „	39	Talbott, Johanna, vidua.
16 „	22 & 24	Trussell, Edw.
22 „	52	Trussell, Edw. fil. & her. Will. Trussell.
22 „	146	Villers, John.
8 „	65	Vowe, John
9 „	10	Warner, Eliz. vid.
23 „	30	Wiggeston, Roger.
3 „	105	Woodford, Wm.
10 „	84	Wyvell, Wm. ar.

Inquisitions Virtute Officii, temp. Rich. III. & Hen. VII.

2 pars, 52	Ad qd. damn. pro Decimis be' Marie Leic.
14	Ad qd. damn. pro De. a. o. be' Marie Leic.
14	Bourchier, John, mil.
220	Farneham, Tho.
287	Higford, John, ar.
193	Norwich, John, Ideot'.
102	Penny, John.
325	Wystowe, John.

1-38 Henry VIII.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*No. of Inq.*	*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
21 Hen. VIII.	94	Appulby, Rd.
6 „	104	Asheby, Wm.
36 „	165	Asshebye, Geo.
35 „	72	Assheby, Wm.
21 „	93	Astell, Wm.
18 „	81	Aston, Johanna.
30 „	148	Babington, Katherine, vid.
3 „	105	Bawdys, Robert.
30 „	20	Beamount, Richard, ar.
31 „	36	Beamount, Richard.
4 „	37&132	Belgrave, John.
12 „	32	Belgrave, Wm.
3 „	6	Belgrave, Wm.
1 „	43	Beomounde, Wm. vicecomes.
15 „	45	Berkeley, Maurice.
28 „	17	Berkeley, Thomas, d'n's.
24 „	60	Berkley, Wm.
29 „	*virt. off.*	Blayston, Maner' de, nuper p'tin' Duc' Buck.
28 „	30	Blounte, Wm., dn's Mountioye.
31 „	87	Borough, Robert.
27 „	97	Bosom, Mary, vid.
7 „	133	Bothe, Henry.
16 „	81	Broke, Robert Willoughby, d'n's de.
17 „	135	Brokesby, Wm.
24 „	119	Brokilsbye, Robert, ar.
23 „	118	Brudenell, Robert, miles.
2 „	82	Burton, Thomas.
29 „	32	Burton, Thomas.
23 „	1	Butler, John, ar.
28 „	21	Bygott', Peter.
28 „	97	Calcote, John.
27 „	42	Catesbye, Edw.
30 „	45	Cave, Rd.
19 „	41	Charnells, John.
29 „	33	Chicheley, Eliz.
11 „	99	Colley, John.
14 „	120	Colvile, Robert.
20 „	169	Compton, Wm. miles.
5 „	54	Cope, Anne
15 „	95	Croftis, Robert.
9 „	136	Curson, John.
12 „	27	Danet, Gerard.
31 „	109	Derbye, Everard.
24 „	15	Dorset, Tho. March.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*No. of Inq.*	*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
37 Hen. VIII	31	Draper, Thomas.
2 „	84	Dygbie, Everard.
22 „		Ebor, Tho. Cardinal. (In the Cardinall's bundle, 22 Hen. 8.)
7 „	22	Felding, Everard.
24 „	131	Fitzherbert, John.
22 „	*virt. off.*	Flowre, Roger.
2 „	81	Foster, Wm.
32 „	39	Fowler, John.
26 „	7	Fraunce, Ralph.
21 „	106	Fraunces, Rd.
3 „	54	Gerves, Wm.
19 „	2	Grey, Benedict, vid.
21 „	107	Grey, Edw. miles.
1 „	44	Grey, Katherine, comitissa Kent.
24 „	82	Grey, Launcelott.
1 „	42	Griffyn, Nich. miles.
34 „	93	Harcourt, Anthony.
6 „	37	Hardwick, John.
36 „	132	Hardy, Tho.
13 „	88	Harpur, John.
28 „	45	Hasilrigg, Robt.
33 „	181	Hasilrigg, Tho.
3 „	42	Hastinges, Geo.
6 „	108	Hastings, John.
14 „	32	Horde, Tho.
11 „	98	Hudliston, John.
9 „	55	Jakes, Tho.
17 „	171	Kebill, Tho.
14 „	99	Kebill, Walter.
2 „	44	Kent, Katherine comitissa.
22 „	66	Kirton, Anne.
22 „	8	Lacy, Margaret.
22 „	8	Lacy, Rd.
31 „	132	Lesow, Tho., cler.
2 „	85	Lucy, Alianore.
25 „	81	Ludford, John.
32 „	77	Ludford, Wm.
4 „	115	Malory, Nich.
9 „	134	Marmyon, Tho.
16 „	85	Marmyon, Wm.
34 „	28	Marshall, Ralph.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*No. of Inq.*	*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
9 Hen. VIII.	41	Moreton, Tho.
28 „	30	Mountioye, Wm. Blounte d'n's.
18 „	36	Nele, Chr.
3 „	115	Nevill, Wm.
3 „	119	Novery, John
27 „	64	Odeby, Tho.
5 „	56	Oxon, John Comes.
2 „	83	Palmer, John.
24 „	61	Parr', Matilda, vid.
10 „	42	Parre, Tho. mil'.
17 „	13	Payneli, Galfr.
36 „	54	Peck, Rd.
16 „	87	Pochin, Tho.
38 „	140	Prior, John.
33 „	36	Pulteney, Tho. mil'.
31 „	76	Purefey, Tho.
4 „	41	Purfrey, John.
37 „	39	Purley, Geo.
9 „	52	Purley, Nich.
5 „	55	Raleigh, Edw. mil'.
37 „	10	Rutland, Tho. Comes.
10 „	73	Scrope, Eliz.
27 „	114	Seydell', Wm.
2 „	80	Shepey, Edw.
30 „	131	Sherard, Tho.
9 „	16	Shirley, Ralph.
26 „	55	Shirley, Ralph,
28 „	112	Skevington, Anne.
2 „	83	Skevington, Elizabeth.
35 „	57	Skevyngton, Tho.
4 „	128	Smithe, Henry.
37 „	27	Smythe, John.
23 „	56	Stokes, Robt.
4 „	124	Stonesby, Robt.
31 „	68	Strelley, Eliz.
38 „	110	Sutton, John.
23 „	78	Sutton, Nich.
26 „	47	Temple, Eliz.
21 „	2	Turpyn, John.
15 „	93	Vaux, Nich. d'n's.
15 „	5	Vernon, Rd.
38 „	137	Villers, George.

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36 Hen. VIII.	33	Villers, John, mil'.
36 „	132	Vowe, Wm.
32 „	59	Waldiede, John
32 „	107	Waldram, Tho.
37 „	24	Warde, John.
24 „	130	Watson, Edw.
32 „	42	Whetill, John.
29 „	46	Wigston, Wm.
20 „	137	Wilkys, Geo.
20 „	95	Willoughby, Henr. mil'.
16 „	81	Willoughby, Robt., d'n's de Broke.
29 „	34	Woodford, Matthew.
35 „	73	Wyggeston, Roger,
38 „	111	Wyghtman, Wm.
35 „	83	Wynter, Robt.

Inquisitions virtute officii, temp. Henry VIII.

Bundle 1	No. 5	Asteley, Rd.
„ 2	„ 228	Brudenell, Robt. mil' et al'. Com'issio ad sup'videnda' castr' maner' &c. in com. Leic. parcell' Ducat' Lancastr', et ad inquirend' de offens' et incrochia' infra eadem unacum inquisitione inde capt'.
„ 3	„ 254	Burton, James.
„ 3	„ 244	Burton Sancti Lazari, Hospital' de, de Jerusalem in Anglie.
„ 3	„ 99	Hethe, Nich.
„ 2	„ 228	Lanc., de Ducat'. (*See above.*)
„ 3	„ 66	Oxon, Eliz. uxor Com'.
„ 2	„ 193	Poynynges, Edw. mil'.
„ 3	„ 66	Ratcliffe, Roger.
„ 1	„ 130	Regia Via, vocata Stongate.
„ 1	„ 113	Shirley, Ralph, mil'.
„ 1	„ 70	Stanley, Wm. mil'. att'.
„ 1	„ 130	Stongate, Via Regia de.
„ 1	„ 22	Turpyn, Wm.

1-6 Edward VI.

4 Edw. VI.	2 pars.	41	Allen, Henry.
4 „	2 „	38	Belgrave, Robt.
1 „	2 „	1	Bowson, Mary. *virt. off.*
6 „	2 „	22	Brabason, Wm. miles.
3 „	un. „	81	Brudenell, Tho. miles.
4 „	2 „	22	Colvill, Godfr.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite.*
5 Edw. VI.	2 pars.	13	Crumwell, Geo. d'n's.
1 ,,	1 ,,	92	Dockwrey, John.
2 ,,	2 ,,	4	Feldynge, Wm., mil'.
2 ,,	3 ,,	3	Greisley, Geo. mil'.
7 ,,	unica ,,	38	Harrie, Eliz. vid.
7 ,,	unica ,,	34	Kebell, Francis.
3 ,,	unica ,,	83	Kendall, Wm.
6 ,,	2 ,,	20	Poole, German.
3 ,,	unica ,,	93	Pultney, Francis.
5 ,,	2 ,,	4	Repington, Francis.
4 ,,	2 ,,	17	Scrope, John d'n's.
6 ,,	2 ,,	9	Sevell, John.
4 ,,	2 ,,	23	Starismore, John.
3 ,,	unica ,,	90	Turvill, Wm. mil'.
4 ,,	2 ,,	13	Wightman, Tho.

1 Mary—5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

5 & 6 P. & M.	2 pars.	108	Asheby, Robert.
4 & 5 ,,	1 ,,	99	Banester, Tho.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	100	Belgrave, Geo.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	111	Bennett, Tho.
2 & 3 ,,	2 ,,	36	Bent, Tho.
3 & 4 ,,	1 ,,	67	Beree, Nich.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	106	Burton, Robt.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	95	Cave, Tho. mil'.
3 & 4 ,,	2 ,,	118	Digbye, John.
2 & 3 ,,	2 ,,	22	Everatt, Richard.
1 Mary	unica ,,	76	Fishwyke, Walter.
1 & 2 P. & M.	2 ,,	8	Markham, Katherine.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	107	Nele, Richard.
3 & 4 ,,	1 ,,	63	Purefey, Ralph.
1 & 2 ,,	2 ,,	9	Smith, Walter, mil'.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	110	Somersall, Anne.
1 & 2 ,,	2 ,,	2	Strelley, Robert.
1 & 2 ,,	2 ,,	26	Turpin, Walter.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	96	Waldrame, John.
5 & 6 ,,	2 ,,	105	Warynnge, Thomas.

1-45 Elizabeth.

1 Eliz.	1 pars.	72	Asshebye, John.
10 ,,		76	Babington, Thomas, ar.
40 ,,	2 pars.	23	Barber, John, cler.
43 ,,	1 ,,	71	Barkeley, Maurice.
44 ,,	2 ,,	111	Becke, William.
14 ,,		92	Belgrave, Ambrose.
26 ,,		20	Bellgrave, William.
26 ,,		166	Bent, John.

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34 Eliz.	2 pars.	105	Blunt, Mich.
21 „	2 „	24	Blowate, Godfr.
16 „		3	Borough, Richard.
15 „		83	Bradgate, Richard, ar.
18 „	2 pars.	4	Bradgate, William.
30 „	2 „	93	Bradshawe, George.
44 „	1 „	139	Brocas, William.
43 „	1 „	28	Brokesbie, George.
5 „	1 „	59	Browne, Humfrey, mil'.
27 „		27	Brudenell, Edmund, mil'.
7 „		145	Burton, Robert.
43 „	1 pars.	30	Burye, Nich.
1 „	2 „	125	Calvely, Hugo, mil'.
39 „	2 „	43	Carter, Margerie, ideot'.
35 „	1 „	79	Cave, Brian.
26 „		145	Cave, Francis.
3 „		113	Cave, Richard, ar.
15 „		84	Cave, Thomas, mil'.
18 „	2 pars.	7	Claughton, Katherin.
40 „	2 „	133	Cocke, Geo.
29 „		239	Cocke, Thomas.
17 „		67	Colley, Anthony.
37 „	1 pars.	96	Cowper, Robert.
12 „		126	Croftes, Thomas.
29 „		44	Crymes, Thomas.
33 „	1 pars.	109	Dakyns, Thomas, lunat'.
3 „		115	Darby, Libeus.
37 „	1 pars.	60	Dilkes, Richard.
11 „		65	Draper, John, lunat'.
35 „	1 pars.	67	Everarde, Richard.
16 „	1 „	4	Farneham, Thomas.
30 „	1 „	111	Faunte, Anthony.
3 „		118	Fawnte, William.
17 „		79	Fawnte, William.
2 „	1 pars.	125	Grey, Thomas.
7 „		101	Grey, Thomas.
22 „	2 pars.	28	Hall, Reginald.
41 „	2 „	129	Harecourte, George.
28 „		180	Hartoppe, William.
8 „		77	Haselrigge, Milo.
19 „	2 pars.	23	Hawford, William.
1 „	2 „	124	Hereford, Walter, vicecom'.
33 „	2 „	38	Hill, Richard.
19 „	2 „	31	Hodgeson, Richard.
19 „	2 „	29	Hodgeson, Robert.
36 „	1 „	46	Hovye, William.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite.*
43 Eliz.	1 pars.	59	Hudson, Henry.
3 „		112	Huntingdon, Francis, comes.
24 „	1 pars.	6 & 13	Hurste, Richard.
22 „	2 „	27	Jackson, Robert.
13 „	1 „	94	Kebbell, Henry, ar.
1 „	1 „	73	Kebell, John.
35 „	1 „	86	Ludford, Mich.
27 „		171	Lyster, Charles.
6 „		203	Marmyon, Henry.
37 „	1 pars.	64	Marston, William.
39 „	2 „	24	Marston, William.
30 „	1 „	62	Mason, Henry.
19 „	2 „	14	Neale, Thomas.
35 „	1 „	80	Noell, John.
31 „	2 „	28	Norwich, Simon.
4 „		29	Nowell, Andrew, ar.
13 „	1 pars.	103	Olyver, Thomas.
38 „	1 „	84	Orme, Dionisius.
39 „	2 „	25	Page, Edward.
5 „	1 „	63	Parkyns, Thomas.
14 „		100	Parr, William, d'n's.
20 „	2 pars.	4	Payne, Thomas.
3 „		116	Payne, William.
22 „	2 pars.	21	Pecke, Kenelm.
18 „	2 „	18	Poole, William.
16 „	1 „	32	Pratte, John, ideot'.
42 „	1 „	37	Pultney, Gabriel.
36 „	1 „	89	Purefey, George.
39 „	1 „	19	Purefey, Jocose.
6 „		103	Rutland, Henry, com'.
12 „		168	Rutland, Henry, com'.
27 „		235	Sachaverell, Henry.
38 „	1 pars.	76	Sacheverell, John.
25 „		149	Saunders, Clement.
45 „		86	Savage, George.
23 „	2 pars.	84	Segrave, William.
23 „	1 „	29*	Shepey, Thomas.
23 „	2 „	67	Shepperde, Walter.
37 „	1 „	97	Sherarde, Francis.
14 „		90	Sherley, Francis.
17 „		65	Sherrard, George.
42 „	2 pars.	35	Skeffington, Thomas.
14 „		96	Skevington, William.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite.*
31 Eliz.	2 pars.	66	Skipwithe, Henry.
23 „	2 „	87	Smith, *alias* Walton, John.
21 „	2 „	34	Smithe, *alias* Walton, John.
25 „		43	Staresmore, Francis.
25 „		132	Staveley, Thomas.
8 „		96	Stirley, Frideswide, vid'.
13 „	2 pars.	78	Trafford, Richard.
6 „		101	Turvile, Richard.
4 „		64	Turvyll, George.
4 „		63	Turvyll, John.
8 „		98	Vernon, George, mil'.
6 „		100	Villers, Richard.
1 „	1 pars.	74	Villers, William.
3 „		114	Villeirs, William, ar.
16 „	1 pars.	28	Vincent, Anthony.
14 „		105	Vincent, Edward.
26 „		24	Vincent, Robert.
12 „		127	Waldram, Roger.
3 „		117	Waldron, William.
21 „	2 pars.	34	Walton, *alias* Smithe, John.
23 „	2 „	87	Walton, *alias* Smith, John.
25 „		183	Waringe, William.
34 „	2 pars.	84	Waringe, William.
40 „	2 „	24	Wattes, William.
43 „	1 „	6	Whalley, Ralph.
32 „		62	Whatton, George.
41 „	2 „	29	Whitestone, Francis.
36 „	1 „	51	Wightman, Richard.
20 „	2 „	1	Wilson, John.
44 „	2 „	32	Wright, Richard.
37 „	1 „	42	Wrighte, Thomas.

INQUISITIONS VIRTUTE OFFICII, TEMP. ELIZABETH.

Bundle 2	118	Clarke, Henry.
Bundle 1	542	Johnson, William.

1-22 JAMES I.

2 Jac. I.	2 pars.	20	Abney, Robert.
7 „	2 „	50	Allen, Edward.
7 „	2 „	45	Amys, Robert.
16 „	1 „	96	Asheby, George.
11 „	3 „	53	Babington, Humfrey.
14 „	1 „	86	Babington, Mathew.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite.*
20 Jac. I.	1 pars.	11	Bale, John.
19 „	2 „	109	Ballard, Thomas.
21 „	2 „	6	Ballard, Thomas.
17 „	*virt. off.*	64	Baresby, William.
17 „	1 pars.	11	Barford, Arthur.
11 „	3 „	75	Barfott, Arthur.
15 „	1 „	43	Baynbrige, William.
4 „	1 „	195	Beamont, Henry, mil'.
6 „	1 „	143	Beamount, Henry, mil'.
7 „	2 „	150	Beamount, Henry.
9 „	1 „	90	Beamount, Henry.
3 „	1 „	26 & 32	Bedell, William.
3 „	2 „	100	Bent, Ambrose.
9 „	1 „	18 & 52	Bent, John.
16 „	1 „	76	Berkley, Maurice.
5 „	2 „	47	Blakeley, Robert.
16 „	1 „	52	Blunt, Robert.
11 „	3 „	50	Borough, Thomas.
19 „	*virt. off.*	1	Braddell, John.
1 „	2 pars.	58	Bradgate, Richard.
15 „	2 „	14	Bradshawe, George.
7 „	2 „	38	Brewerne, John.
7 „	2 „	43	Brewerne, Thomas.
3 „	1 „	12	Brigges, James.
14 „	1 „	123	Brokesbie, Robert.
11 „	3 „	70	Brooke, Basil, mil'.
2 „	1 „	74	Burdett, William.
19 „	*virt. off.*	20	Carter, *alias* Roberts, Dionisius.
4 „	1 pars.	126	Carter, Everard.
13 „	*virt. off.*	40	Carter, *alias* Robbins, Robert.
7 „	2 pars.	149	Cave, Anthony.
1 „	2 „	16	Cave, Francis, ar.
7 „	2 „	133	Cave, Henry.
16 „	1 „	69	Cave, Thomas.
18 „	1 „	21	Charnell, Edward.
22 „	*virt. off.*	21	Choice, Thomas.
10 „	2 pars	23	Clare, Walter.
3 „	1 „	56	Cope, George.
5 „	2 „	160	Coye, William.
11 „	3 „	71	Crofte, William.
11 „	3 „	106	Croxall, Thomas.
12 „	2 „	38	Darby, Libbens.
18 „	2 „	32	Davenport, John.
18 „	1 „	25	Dawes, John.
10 „	2 „	161	Dawes, Richard.
17 „	1 „	75	Dent, Francis.
12 „	*virt. off.*	48	Dent, William.
14 „	*virt. off.*	39	Dickens, Thomas.
15 „	1 pars.	1	Digbey, William.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite*
15 Jac. I.	1 pars.	74	Digbie, William.
3 „	1 „	19	Digbye, William.
15 „	1 „	36	Earle, John.
13 „	*virt. off.*	27	Elliott, Galfr.
15 „	*virt. off.*	38	Everard, Stephen.
16 „	*virt. off.*	43	Farmer, *alias* Ward, Thomas.
19 „	2 pars.	31	Farneham, Thomas, *melius inq.*
19 „	2 „	128	Fowler, D'na Maria.
7 „	2 „		Garrett, Richard, *vide in l'ra.*
3 „	1 „	23	Godderd, Thomas.
11 „	2 „	77	Gray, Thomas.
12 „	2 „	170	Gray de Grooby, Henry d'n's.
9 „	1 „	89	Grey, Thomas.
8 „	2 „	48	Gylman, Richard.
1 „	2 „	32	Hall, Simon.
8 „	2 „	120	Hartopp, Thomas.
20 „	1 „	152	Harvey, Thomas.
10 „	2 „	147	Hasellrige, John.
22 „	1 „	127	Haselrigg, Edward.
13 „	1 „	11	Hassilwood, Francis.
15 „	2 „	138	Hastings, Walter.
17 „	1 „	20	Hawford, William.
16 „	1 „	58	Hewes, Thomas.
13 „	1 „	55	Hickson, William.
22 „	1 „	28	Hill, Robert.
14 „	1 „	74	Holman, *alias* Homan, Leonard.
21 „	2 „	22	Holt, Edward.
12 „	*virt. off.*	26	Horsepoole, William.
9 „	1 pars.	20	Hullock, Mathew.
15 „	2 „	30	Hunt, John.
5 „	2 „	188	Huntingdon, George, com'.
21 „	2 „	1	Jackson, Jervase.
14 „	*virt. off.*	35	Jaques, George.
7 „	2 pars.	26	Jaratt, Richard.
12 „	2 „	81	Jarvis, William.
17 „	1 „	69	Jervis, William.
16 „	*virt. off.*	17	Johnson, John.
7 „	2 pars.	27	Johnson, Thomas.
8 „	2 „	117	Johnson, William.
6 „	1 „	69	Jones, Francis.
6 „	1 „	21	Jorden, Roger.
16 „	2 „	1 & 2	Kilbie, Robert.
14 „	1 „	7	Kilby, Robert.
14 „	*virt. off.*	26	Kilby, Robert.
12 „	*virt. off.*	51	Kirke, Hugo.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite.*
12 Jac. 1.	2 pars.	46	Laxton, Edward.
20 „	1 „	3	Laxton, Edward.
1 „	2 „	52	Marshall, Christopher, gen.
18 „	2 „	13	Marston, William.
21 „	*virt. off.*	19	Merston, Edward.
1 „	2 pars.	33	Mitchell, John.
22 „	*virt. off.*	13	Morris, Edward.
19 „	2 pars.	146	Morton, William.
16 „	1 „	78	Mould, John.
12 „	2 „	27 & 137	Myles, Richard.
18 „	*virt. off.*	37	Nedham, William.
6 „	1 pars.	61	Noble, George.
6 „	1 „	145	Noell, Andrew.
19 „	2 „	37	Noell, Charles, mil'.
16 „	1 „	104	Noone, John.
11 „	2 „	108	Orton, Richard.
21 „	*virt. off.*	9	Oswynne, John.
11 „	*virt. off.*	19	Patchett, Andrew.
7 „	1 pars.	19	Payne, Thomas.
13 „	2 „	80	Payne, William.
10 „	2 „	79	Pell, Edward.
12 „	2 „	114	Pell, Edward.
2 „	2 „	22	Peppar, Thomas.
21 „	2 „	117	Peshall, Robert.
14 „	1 „	113	Plumbe, John.
16 „	*virt. off.*	4	Porter, William.
16 „	1 pars.	1	Poultney, John.
14 „	*virt. off.*	2	Powers, William.
6 „	1 pars.	4	Prior, Thomas.
21 „	2 „	32	Richardson, Edward.
13 „	*vert. off.*	40	Robbins, *alias* Carter, Robert.
9 „	*virt. off.*	24	Robye, Robert.
9 „	2 pars.	36	Robye, Robert.
10 „	2 „	34	Robye, Robert.
13 „	*virt. off.*	33	Salisbury, John.
21 „	1 pars.	58	Saunders, Matthew.
10 „	2 „	82	Saunderson, Richard.
13 „	*virt. off.*	44	Saunderson, Thomas.
13 „	*virt. off.*	32	Savile, William.
9 „	1 pars.	16	Shenton, John.
22 „	1 „	128	Sherard, Philip, mil'.
6 „	1 „	44	Sherrard, George, lunat'.
22 „	*virt. off.*	16	Shitlewood, William.
12 „	2 pars.	171	Skevington, John.

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3 Jac. I.	2 pars.	90	Skevington, William, mil'.
8 ,,	2 ,,	121	Skipwith, William, mil'.
17 ,,	*virt. off.*	61	Smart, Giles.
20 ,,	1 pars.	146	Smith, Henry.
17 ,,	*virt. off.*	54	Smith, Richard.
4 ,,	2 pars.	70	Smyth, Francis, ar.
5 ,,	2 ,,	154	Smyth, George, ar.
19 ,,	*virt. off.*	24	Squire, William.
2 ,,	1 pars.	99	Stamford, John, ar.
15 ,,	1 ,,	44	Storer, Thomas.
3 ,,	1 ,,	27	Swayne, John.
2 ,,	1 ,,	108	Tamworth, Colbie, ar.
4 ,,	1 ,,	193	Tatam, Arthur.
11 ,,	*virt. off*	17	Torelton, Robert.
20 ,,	*virt. off.*	9	Tompson, Thomas.
19 ,,	2 pars.	115	Trymnell, Blasil.
16 ,,	1 ,,	99	Turpin, William, mil'.
19 ,,	2 ,,	105	Turpyn, George.
14 ,,	1 ,,	37	Turvile, Henry.
17 ,,	1 ,,	58	Twickten, John.
4 ,,	2 ,,	74	Villers, George, mil'.
16 ,,	1 ,,	60 & 94	Vincent, John.
16 ,,	1 ,,	57	Waldram, Richard.
16 ,,	*virt. off.*	45	Wale, Joseph.
16 ,,	*virt. off.*	43	Ward, *alias* Farmer, Thomas.
7 ,,	2 pars.	46	Warde, Thomas.
15 ,,	2 ,,	41	Wenslow, John.
6 ,,	1 ,,	75	Wightman, William.
13 ,,	1 ,,	57	Wightman, William.
5 ,,	2 ,,	123	Wigley, Henry.
11 ,,	2 ,,	80	Wigston, Roger.
14 ,,	*virt. off.*	40	Winsor, Hugh.
6 ,,	1 pars.	17	Wraske, Robert.
5 ,,	2 ,,	120	Woodcocke, Francis.
5 ,,	2 ,,	15	Woodward, Barth., *melius inquirend'*.
5 ,,	2 ,,	179	Woodward, Bartholomew.
11 ,,	*virt. off.*	27	Wright, Henry.
8 ,,	*virt. off.*	18	Wright, John.
11 ,,	*virt. off.*	15	Wright, John.
8 ,,	2 pars.	81	Wright, William.
13 ,,	*virt. off.*	36	Wyatt, Thomas, (*vide in Anno quinto Caroli Regis.*)
17 ,,	1 pars.	16	Wyatt, William.

1-18 CHARLES I.

17 Car. I.	2 pars.	85	Allen, John.

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4 Car. I.	3 pars.	13	Armeston, Wm.
6 „	2 „	77	Armeston, Wm.
16 „	2 „	128	Aston, Thomas.
15 „	2 „	107	Banestre, Dynham.
14 „	1 „	187	Banestre, Laurence.
16 „	*virt. off.*	61	Barrowdale, Charles.
4 „	3 pars.	41	Bartyn, *alias* Caster, John.
4 „	3 „	33	Basely, Edward.
6 „	*virt. off.*	34	Basse, Edward.
1 „	2 pars.	130	Beamount, Thomas, mil'.
14 „	1 „	50	Belgrave, Thomas.
7 „	2 „	145	Bennett, George.
10 „	1 „	171	Bennett, Geo., ar.
13 „	*virt. off.*	82	Bent, John.
15 „	2 pars.	35	Bent, William.
13 „	4 „	100	Bingley, Peter.
9 „	*virt. off.*	20	Boate, John.
4 „	3 pars.	71	Botham, Hugh.
5 „	3 „	6	Botham, Hugh.
9 „	2 „	75	Boulton, Laurence
9 „	*virt. off.*	13	Bowman, John.
10 „	1 pars.	52	Bradford, William.
6 „	*virt. off.*	23	Bradley, Edward.
14 „	1 pars.	71	Broadgate, William.
10 „	1 „	62	Brookesby, Francis.
12 „	*virt. off.*	16	Browne, Francis.
10 „	1 pars.	24	Browne, William.
2 „	1 „	55	Bruerne, Thomas.
14 „	1 „	167	Brygges, Thomas.
10 „	1 „	50	Bunnes, Edward.
13 „	*virt. off.*	79	Burbage, Henry.
8 „	*virt. off.*	8	Burdett, Richard.
5 „	*virt. off.*	1	Burdett, William.
17 „	2 pars.	111	Burdett, William.
6 „	*virt. off.*	27	Burrowes, Thomas.
12 „	*virt. off.*	24	Burton, John.
5 „	*virt. off.*	7	Buswell, John.
6 „	2 pars.	56	Buswell, John.
12 „	*virt. off.*	20	Carter, Everard.
4 „	3 pars.	41	Caster, *alias* Bartyn, John.
10 „	1 „	66	Cave, Elizabeth, vid'.
8 „	3 „	29	Chamberlaine, Francis.
12 „	1 „	18	Chapman, Thomas, ar.
12 „	*virt. off.*	55	Cherry, Robert.
17 „	2 pars.	53	Chester, Charles.
13 „	4 „	79	Churchman, Richard.
3 „	1 „	19	Clarke, Joseph.
4 „	3 „	73	Clarke, Hastingtatamus.

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12 Car. I.	*virt. off.*	51	Coltman, William.
14 „	1 pars.	173	Cooper, John.
9 „	*virt. off.*	40	Cotes, Alexander.
8 „	2 pars.	69	Cottonar, William.
6 „	2 „	93	Cowper, Cuthbert.
6 „	2 „	134	Cowper, Gilbert.
17 „	2 „	92	Coye, John.
16 „	2 „	116	Crewe, Jane.
2 „	3 „	142	Croft, Thomas.
3 „	*virt. off.*	84	Dalbye, John.
4 „	3 pars.	63	Danett, John.
13 „	4 „	138	Danvers, Elizabeth.
12 „	1 „	45	Davenport, Thomas.
14 „	1 „	108	Davenport, William, ar.
8 „	3 „	16	Davers, Francis.
11 „	3 „	147	Denton, Ralph.
4 „	3 „	18	Dixon, William.
9 „	2 „	87	Doewell, George.
9 „	*virt. off.*	11	Dudley, Richard.
11 „	3 pars.	108	Eyton, Simon.
2 „	2 „	89	Farmer, Barth.
9 „	2 „	147	Farmer, William.
10 „	1 „	152	Forman, Francis.
14 „	1 „	85	Fox, George.
15 „	*virt. off.*	41	Freer, John.
13 „	4 pars.	49	French, Thomas.
3 „	1 „	41	French, William, lunatic.
5 „	3 „	17	Glover, Thomas.
1 „	2 „	125	Gobart, John.
7 „	*virt. off.*	18	Goodman, Richard.
17 „	2 pars.	100	Goodman, William.
2 „	1 „	28	Graye, John.
4 „	3 „	56	Gryffith, Robert.
7 „	2 „	28	Gulson, Henry.
9 „	2 „	171	Halford, William.
7 „	2 „	69	Harman, John.
10 „	1 „	150	Hartopp, George, ar.
6 „	2 „	72	Hasilrigg, Bartin.
15 „	2 „	26	Hazard, John.
1 „	2 „	71	Heirick, John.
13 „	3 „	16	Heiricke, William.
5 „	1 „	88	Hempsley, William.
3 „	1 „	94	Herrick, Tobie.
9 „	2 „	166	Hill, Robert.
7 „	2 „	73	Hindman, Thomas.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of deceased Tenant in capite.*
2 Car. I.	2 pars.	16	Hodges, Robert.
10 ,,	*virt. off.*	55	Holliacke, William.
1 ,,	*virt. off.*	20	Horton, Joseph.
8 ,,	2 pars.	14	Hubbocke, William.
11 ,,	3 ,,	5	Hurst, John.
6 ,,	*virt. off.*	5	Ilyff, Thomas.
7 ,,	2 pars.	108	Jackson, Luke.
8 ,,	3 ,,	30	Jackson, Luke, *melius inquirend'.*
3 ,,	1 ,,	117	Jeater, Elizabeth.
2 ,,	2 ,,	93	Jervis, George.
10 ,,	1 ,,	77	Johnson, John.
10 ,,	*virt. off.*	11	Johnson, Robert.
9 ,,	2 pars.	178	Judson, William.
16 ,,	2 ,,	65	Kestian, Thomas.
10 ,,	*virt. off.*	57	Kinge, Edward.
16 ,,	2 pars.	52	Kinge, Francis.
3 ,,	1 ,,	75	Lacye, Margaret.
16 ,,	*virt. off.*	2	Lambe, Reignold.
10 ,,	1 pars.	22	Lucas, Robert.
16 ,,	2 ,,	118	Mackworth, Henry, Bart.
12 ,,	*virt. off.*	19	Marshall, George.
3 ,,	1 pars.	13	Marshall, Hugh.
11 ,,	3 ,,	59	Marshall, John.
4 ,,	3 ,,	15	Marston, Gilbert.
3 ,,	1 ,,	4	Marston, William.
2 ,,	2 ,,	73	Maydwell, Thomas.
13 ,,	3 ,,	51	Maye, Galfr.
6 ,,	1 ,,	24	Michell, Thomas.
16 ,,	*virt. off.*	5	Moore, Henry.
15 ,,	2 pars.	29	Moore, John.
15 ,,	2 ,,	91	Moseley, Edward, mil'.
3 ,,	1 ,,	2	Neale, William.
3 ,,	1 ,,	59	Nedham, Clement.
13 ,,	3 ,,	18	Needham, Nathaniel.
1 ,,	2 ,,	58	Nicholles, William.
15 ,,	2 ,,	96	Nicholls, Augustin.
1 ,,	2 ,,	87	Noble, Thomas.
12 ,,	1 ,,	93	Noone, George.
2 ,,	2 ,,	69 & 96	Offley, Robert, mil'.
1 ,,	2 ,,	64	Olyver, Richard.
11 ,,	3 ,,	71	Orton, Richard.
13 ,,	*virt. off.*	56	Oswyn, John.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
1 Car. I.	2 pars.	10	Page, Thomas.
3 „	*virt. off.*	10	Page, Thomas.
17 „	*virt. off.*	37	Page, William.
3 „	*virt. off.*	25	Pate, Edward.
4 „	4 pars.	27	Pecher, Johanna.
14 „	1 „	66	Peck, Robert.
4 „	3 „	45	Peck, William.
11 „	2 „	31	Pegge, Richard.
10 „	1 „	6	Pepper, Robert.
10 „	*virt. off.*	24	Pepper, Robert.
11 „	3 pars.	49	Pepper Robert.
1 „	2 „	10	Phillipes, John.
13 „	3 „	97	Pultney, John.
15 „	2 „	66	Quarles, George, mil'.
9 „	2 „	167	Raven, James.
7 „	2 „	20	Raye, Samuel.
5 „	1 „	31	Read, Thomas.
7 „	*virt. off.*	29	Reade, Thomas.
9 „	2 pars.	26	Reanor, Thomas.
10 „	1 „	84	Richardson, John.
9 „	2 „	42	Roberts, Thomas.
10 „	*virt. off.*	58	Robinson, Robert.
12 „	1 pars.	16	Robinson, Robert.
8 „	2 „	71	Sacheverell, Fardinand.
5 „	3 „	49	Sacheverell, Ferd.
4 „	3 „	31	Sacheverell, Thomas.
9 „	2 „	24	Sacheverell, Thomas, *mel.*
2 „	1 „	91	St. Andrewe, John.
7 „	2 „	16	Salesburie, Richard.
15 „	3 „	1	Savile, John.
3 „	1 „	133	Savile, Thomas.
16 „	2 „	91	Sherrard, William, d'n's.
2 „	*virt. off.*	7	Shipp, John.
9 „	3 pars.	71	Shirley, Henry, Bart.
2 „	*virt. off.*	44	Smith, George.
7 „	*virt. off.*	2	Smith, Richard.
10 „	1 pars.	51	Smith, Richard.
5 „	1 „	110	Smyth, Francis, mil'.
18 „	2 „	62	Smyth, George.
9 „	*virt. off.*	24	Somerfeild, Peter.
13 „	4 pars.	114	Squier, William.
10 „	1 „	133	Staveley, Thomas, ar.
2 „	3 „	141	Staresmore, Francis.
16 „	2 „	90	Stonehouse, James, mil'.
15 „	*virt. off.*	32	Storer, John.
11 „	3 pars.	52	Streete, William.
15 „	2 „	117	Streete, William.
2 „	*virt. off.*	8	Strelley, Nicholas.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
9 Car. I.	2 pars.	86	Swynson, Richard.
8 „	2 „	88	Thompson, John.
4 „	4 „	8	Tomson, Thomas.
11 „	3 „	28	Tompson, John.
15 „	*virt. off.*	44	Tookey, John.
12 „	1 pars.	34	Trentham, Thomas.
2 „	*virt. off.*	10	Trigg, William.
11 „	2 pars.	149	Turvile, Henry.
16 „	2 „	59	Tyers, William.
5 „	1 „	44	Villyers, William, Bart.
5 „	1 „	59	Vincent, Richard.
13 „	*virt. off.*	79	Wade, Edward.
8 „	2 pars.	109	Waldram, John, ar.
4 „	3 „	65	Waldram, Thomas, mil'.
15 „	1 „	14	Waldron, William.
3 „	1 „	16	Wallis, John.
9 „	*virt. off.*	30	Ward, John.
6 „	*virt. off.*	7	Ward, William.
9 „	2 pars.	110	Wattes, Robert.
18 „	2 „	71a	Wattes, Thomas.
14 „	1 „	191	Whalley, Ralph.
15 „	2 „	64	Wigley, Anne.
7 „	2 „	68	Wolseley, Thomas, mil'.
5 „	1 „	18	Wood, James.
3 „	1 „	83	Wright, Thomas.
5 „	*virt. off.*	36	Wyatt, Thomas.

MISCELLANEA, TEMP. ELIZ., JAC. I., AND CAR. I.

6 Car. I.	19 pars.	143	Abbott, John.
13 Jac. I.	11 „	56	Allen, Ralph.
13 „	13 „	83	Allen, Richard.
4 Car. I.	18 „	29	Andrew, James.
13 Jac. I.	11 „	241	Averye, Peter.
18 „	13 „	73	Baker, George, senr.
11 „	12 „	165	Baker, Thomas.
16 Car. I.	17 „	75	Ball, Brian.
6 Jac. I,	12 „	214	Bannister, Daniel.
22 „	8 „	193	Barnard, Richard.
13 „	13 „	70	Barrie, Leonard, gen.
20 „	13 „	94	Barwell, Roger.
6 „	13 „	88	Bent, John.
16 Car. I.	17 „	30	Blackwell, Thomas, sen.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	177	Blackwyn, Samuel.
13 „	12 „	205	Blanckly, Robert
22 „	8 „	191	Bowes, Margaret.
14 Car. I.	28 „	21	Browne, Robert.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
7 Jac. I.	13 pars.	6	Burton, John.
19 „	12 „	189	Burton, Ralph.
8 „	12 „	215	Butler, Thomas.
15 Car. I.	28 „	13	Button, Foulke, gen.
18 Jac. I.	12 „	185	Cater, George.
6 Car. I.	19 „	87	Cave, John, ar.
13 Jac. I.	11 „	11	Cave, William, ar.
2 Car. I.	10 „	59	Chester, Leonard.
6 „	19 „	150	Coleman, Thomas.
19 Jac. I.	13 „	107	Collyns, John.
4 „	13 „	74	Dalbye, Robert.
17 „	13 „	7	Dawes, Isaac.
14 Car. I.	28 „	4	Dawkin, Robert.
1 „	10 „	69	Denston, William.
2 „	10 „	40	Dent, Abraham.
22 Jac. I.	8 „	192	Dent, Leonard.
6 Car. I.	19 „	90	Duckett, John.
17 „	17 „	83	Duport, Henry, ar.
21 Jac. I.	11 „	55	Elkinson, Edward.
4 „	12 „	211	Eyre, Humfrey.
7 „	12 „	167	Eyrick, John.
7 „	12 „	170	Eyricke, Richard.
16 Car. I.	17 „	138	Farmer, Richard.
2 „	10 „	98	Farnham, Hector.
18 Jac. I.	11 „	7	Farnham, Humfrey.
16 Car. I.	17 „	34	Fawnt, Arthur, ar.
17 „	17 „	68	Fawnt, William, mil'.
22 Jac. I.	8 „	202	Foster, John.
22 „	8 „	190	Foster, Thomas.
2 Car. I.	10 „	41	Foster, Thomas.
19 Jac. I.	12 „	207	Foxe, Nicholas.
17 Car. I.	17 „	90	Freeman, William.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	174	Gamble, Thomas.
21 „	11 „	228	Geary, Thomas.
13 „	12 „	182	Geffery, John.
21 „	11 „	28	Gerye, Nicholas.
6 Car. I.	19 „	86	Gilforde, William.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	203	Goddard, John.
11 Car. I.	24 „	22	Gore, Thomas, gen.
8 Jac. I.	13 „	8	Gray, John, ar.
14 Car. I.	28 „	30	Greene, John.
13 „	24 „	102	Gulston, William.
7 Jac. 1.	12 „	176	Halforde, Andrew.
43 Eliz.	1 „	28	Haselrige, Thomas, ar.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
11 Jac. I.	12 pars.	183	Heyne, Thomas.
12 „	12 „	218	Hixon, William.
13 „	12 „	179	Holliocke, John, gen.
7 „	13 „	69	Hoore, Robert.
13 „	12 „	192	Hopkins, Thomas.
13 „	11 „	10	Houghton, Ralph.
2 Car. I.	10 „	39	Humfrey, Thomas, mil'.
6 „	19 „	151	Immings, William.
22 Jac. I.	1 „	119	Johnson, Anne.
1 Car. I.	10 „	73	Johnson, Thomas.
6 „	19 „	117	Johnson, William.
9 Jac. I.	13 „	175	Kilbye, John.
13 „	12 „	175	Kitchyn, *alias* Steele, Rd.
22 „	8 „	209	Lowesby, John
18 Car. I.	17 „	57	Lowesby, Richard.
9 „	22 „	184	Lynthwaite, Wm.
11 Jac. I.	12 „	194	Marshall, Wm.
18 „	13 „	84	Mayne, William.
17 Car. I.	17 „	35	Meade, Henry, gen.
4 „	18 „	23	Mitchell, Wm.
4 „	18 „	9	Moreton, Robert.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	197	Morris, John.
14 Car. I.	28 „	31	Muxloe, Thomas, gen.
11 „	24 „	21	Neale, George, ar.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	202	Nenobie, Woolfran.
14 Car. I.	28 „	23	Newbie, William.
18 „	17 „	62	Noell, William, ar.
4 Jac. I.	12 „	168	Nutte, John.
13 „	12 „	193	Paces, Mich.
13 Car. I.	24 „	92	Palmer, Wm.
8 Jac. I.	12 „	216	Patchett, Tho., gen.
13 „	12 „	198	Pearepoint, Nich.
10 „	12 „	217	Pegge, Robert.
6 „	12 „	209	Pepper, Wm.
14 „	12 „	199	Pole, Chr.
4 Car. I.	18 „	68	Pole, William.
16 Jac. I.	12 „	195	Pratt, John.
16 Car. I.	17 „	32	Pridmore, John.
21 Jac. I.	11 „	54	Reades, Thomas, gen.
6 „	13 „	120	Richardson, Wm., gen.
9 „	13 „	86	Saimsome.

Date of Inq. p. m.	*Reference to Inq.*		*Name of Deceased Tenant in capite.*
13 Car. I.	24 pars.	132	Scampton, Wm.
17 Jac. I.	12 „	208	Sharpe, Nich.
23 Eliz.	1 „	29	Shepey, Thomas.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	169	Sheppson, Wm.
17 Car. I.	17 „	92	Smith, Thomas.
6 „	19 „	92	Smyth, Robert.
14 „	28 „	22	Stafford, John, ar.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	175	Steele, *alias* Kitchin, Rd.
13 „	12 „	172	Steyne, Thomas.
4 Car. I.	18 „	90	Stoakes, Wm.
13 „	24 „	123	Storer, Arthur.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	180	Stretton, Rd.
14 „	12 „	201	Swanne, John.
15 „	11 „	1	Temple, Edward, ar.
19 „	13 „	72	Temple, Edward, ar.
9 „	13 „	90	Thomas, Wm.
16 Car. I.	17 „	31	Tookey, John.
14 Jac. I.	12 „	204	Turlington, John.
2 Car. I.	10 „	27	Turlington, Thomas.
9 Jac. I.	12 „	186	Vowe, Thomas, gen.
12 „	12 „	200	Walter, John.
4 „	12 „	173	Ward, Galfr.
14 „	12 „	181	Ward, Wm.
2 „	10 „	95	Warde, Rd.
16 Car. I.	17 „	21	Wartnaby, John, sen.
17 „	17 „	69	Watts, Thomas.
13 Jac. I.	13 „	85	Webster, John.
13 „	12 „	171	Webster, Robert.
13 „	12 „	206	Welles, Thomas.
13 „	12 „	184	Wightman, Rd., gen.
10 Car. I.	22 „	182	Wilkinson, Rd.
20 Jac. I.	11 „	224	Willmore, Roger.
12 Car. I.	24 „	17	Willmore, Wm.
6 „	19 „	88	Wolseley, Tho., mil'.
13 Jac. I.	12 „	178	Wyatt, John.
18 Car. I.	17 „	106	Wyatt, Thomas.
13 „	28 „	240	Yard, Wm., gen.

NAMES OF LEICESTERSHIRE PERSONS WHO SUBSCRIBED TOWARDS THE DEFENCE OF THIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE SPANISH ARMADA, 1588, AND THE AMOUNTS EACH CONTRIBUTED.*

LEICESTER.			£
	Frauncis Beomount, Armiger ..	24 *Aprilis* ..	25
	John Stanford, Gracier	29 *Aprilis* ..	25
Maye.	Richard Paramor, Armiger ..	*sexto die Maii* ..	25
	Valentyne Hartopp, Gen... ..	11 *die Maii* ..	25
	Bryan Cave, Armiger	12 *die Maii* ..	25
	Richard Walker	14 *die Maii* ..	25
	Robert Brookesby, Armiger ..	16 *die Maii* ..	25
	Richard Evington	25 *die Maii* ..	25
	Frauncis Smithe, Armiger ..	27 *die Maii* ..	25
	Ralphe Whaley, Gen.	*eodem*	25
	George Ashebye, Armiger ..	28 *die Maii* ..	25
June.	William Digby, Armiger	10 *die Junii* ..	25
	John Tomworth, Armiger ..	12 *Junii*	25
	Edwarde Turvile, Armiger ..	14 *Junii*	25
	William Blunt, Armiger	16 *Junii*	25
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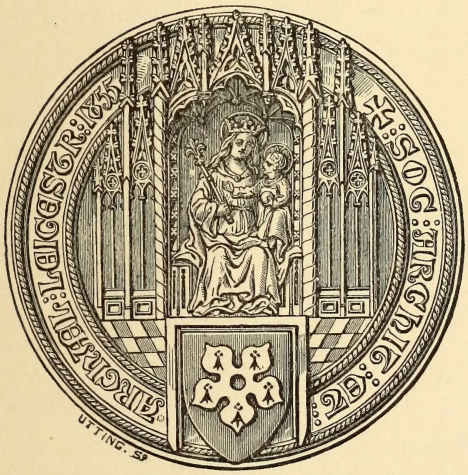

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PREFACE.

THIS Volume contains the Transactions of the Society during six years, 1882 to 1887 inclusive. The late Mr. Thomas North, F.S.A., who was Honorary Secretary of the Society for upwards of twenty-three years, carefully edited the first five volumes of the Transactions, extending from the commencement of the Society's existence to the close of the year 1881. After his lamented death, which happened on the 27th February, 1884, I was appointed Editorial Secretary. It is only right to state that Mr. North left the papers for the years 1882 and 1883, partly ready for the press, and the rest so carefully arranged, that the editorial duties connected with their publication were not of an arduous nature.

The Committee, at their Meeting 28th July, 1884, decided that in future the Transactions for each year should be published annually. The Parts must therefore be somewhat less bulky in future than was formerly the case, and each Volume will probably consist of more than four Parts. The present Volume contains five Parts.

Since the paper entitled "*Notes from Early Leicestershire Wills,*" was set up in type, some new regulations as to the inspection of old Wills in the District Registries have been issued. It

is not now necessary, as stated on page 54, to obtain from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury an order remitting the fees; but application should be made to the Judge of the Probate Division for a Literary Search Order. When this has been obtained, one can search the Calendars, and Wills entered in Register Books, and make copies or extracts, *gratis;* but as to original Wills, which generally form the larger part of the Wills preserved in District Registries, a fee of one shilling has to be paid for each bundle inspected.

The plate of Tur Langton Church, which forms the Frontispiece, was kindly presented by the late Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., who also contributed the following account of the Church:—

TUR LANGTON CHURCH.

It was upon the 26th day of January, 1864, that the Court of Chancery granted a handsome sum of money (£5000) towards the reparation of the three Churches at Church Langton, Tur Langton, and Thorpe Langton. This led to an inspection of the Churches by the Trustees, with their able architect Mr. Joseph Goddard of Leicester; and, after a thorough examination of the three, it was decided that Church Langton and Thorpe Langton might be thoroughly repaired at a cost of £4,500, but that Tur Langton was in such a dilapidated state, that it was absolutely necessary to rebuild it. The Fund to rebuild the Church offered by the Vice-Chancellor was not half enough to defray the expenses. It was in the midst of difficulties that good Mrs. Ord, the Lady of the manor, sent for the Rev. J. H. Hill, and offered to give £500 towards building the Church, if a site could be found in the centre of the parish, where a new Church could be built, the old one being at a most inconvenient distance from the Village. Sir Charles Isham immediately relieved the Trustees from their difficulties by granting a site for the Church (where it is now built), and added £100 as a help to its completion. The Rector, Mr. West, and Mr. Miles each gave £100, and many others subscribed in a very handsome way towards its completion.

The old Church at Tur Langton was the most ancient of the three, it having lasted for seven hundred years; it was a small, and very rude church; it had, however, in its Norman Chancel, traces of greater antiquity than either of the others. The nave with its bell-gable was decorated. Nichols describes the old Church at Tur Langton as follows:—"The Chapel, dedicated to St. Nicholas,

is small, without a tower or spire; but, instead thereof, upon the West gable, are two open niches with pointed arches; on the top of which is placed a handsome stone cross well executed. In the North niche only hangs a small bell, recast in 1796 by Mr. Arnold of Leicester. This chapel consists only of a nave and chancel both of one pace; and a South Porch, and a North door-way now walled up. On the outside of the East end of the chancel, above the window, is a stone inscribed I. R. C. W. 1706." The site of the old church is carefully preserved, being planted with trees and fenced out of the Rector's Field; and according to Mr. Poole's wish a portion of the Church remains on its original site. Mr. Poole in his Paper upon the Langton Churches and Charities, reports the new Church as follows:—"It is a very good building of ornamental brickwork, with white stone dressing, with a lofty spire of Early English character, and, so far as I am entitled to express a judgment, is most creditable to Joseph Goddard, Esq., of Leicester, the architect, and most satisfactory to all interested in its completion."

Description of the Church.

The style is early English. Built principally of red brick, with coloured bricks in bands and patterns, it is lighted with pointed windows of plate tracery in box Bath stone. It consists of nave, north aisle, small transept, chancel, vestry, tower and spire. A noble open roof of high pitch covers in the nave and chancel. The lofty arch of the chancel is very fine. A clerestory of quatrefoil lights is inserted above the arcade arches. The principal entrance is on the north side of the tower, and consists of a stone arch, carried by six columns with red Mansfield stone shafts. The upper portion of the tower and the pretty broach spire are built of red brick, except a few feet at the top of the spire and the apex stone, which is surmounted by a cross and vane. The chancel is terminated by an apse, lighted by six lancet lights, being filled with richly stained glass by Heaton, Butler and Bayne, London. Five of these were given by Mrs. Ord, and the sixth by the Rev. John Harwood Hill, Cranoe, one of the Trustees. Since the completion of the Church the great west window has been filled in with painted glass, in memory of Jemima Elizabeth Ord, who laid the foundation stone of the Church and was chief subscriber towards its erection. The communion plate, the altar cloth, and the font were all gifts of the generous-hearted Lady of the Manor. The length of the Church is ninety-nine feet, the height of the spire one hundred and seven feet.

The contributor of each paper is of course alone responsible for the facts stated and opinions expressed therein.

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Lakin, Rev. J. M., Gilmorton.
Lawford, Jas., Esq., Leicester.
Löhr, G. A., Esq., Leicester.
Lyne, R. E., Esq., M.R.I.A., Dublin.
Manners, The Right Hon. Lord John, M.P., G.C.B., Belvoir Castle.
Marriott, C., Esq., Cotesbach, (*in* 1882).
Marriott, The Rev. W. H., Thrussington.
Macaulay, C. A., Esq., Leicester.
Mangan, Rev. W. R., New Humberstone.
Martin, R. F., Esq., Mountsorrel.
Maxfield, M., Esq., Leicester.
Mercer, F. T., Esq., Market Harborough.
Mills, J. T., Esq., Husband's Bosworth.
Mitchinson, The Right Rev. Bishop, Sibston Rectory.
Mowbray, Major, Overseale.
Moore, The Rev. W. B., Evington.
Moore, Rev. Cecil, London.
Morley, F., Esq., Leicester.
Mott, F. T., Esq., F.R.G.S., Leicester.
Mules, The Rev. P., Belvoir Castle.
Mutch, Dr., Leicester.
Neale, G. C., Esq., Skeffington.
Nevinson, Thomas, Esq. Leicester.
Norman, Geo., Esq., Goadby Marwood.
Norman, The Rev. Canon, Bottesford.
Ordish, F., Esq., Queniborough.
Osborn, The Rev. M. F. F., R.D., Kibworth Rectory, (*in* 1882).
Overton, Robt., Esq., Leicester.
Owen, The Rev. T. W., Leicester.
Palmer, Sir Geoffrey, Bart., Carlton Park.
Palmer, Sir Archdale, Bart., Wanlip Hall.
Palmer, The Rev. W. H., Wanlip.
Paget, T. T., Esq., M.P., Humberstone.
Paget, John, Esq., 28, Boltons, South Kensington, London.
Paget, Alfred, H., Esq., Leicester.
Palmer, Colonel, Withcote Hall.
Packe, Hussey, Esq., Prestwold Hall.
Peterborough, The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of, Peterborough.
Peach, A., Esq., Leicester.
Peake, The Rev. T. C., Hallaton.
Piercy, The Rev. J. M., Slawston.
Pownall, The Rev. Canon, R.D., F.S.A., (*Hon. Local Sec.*), South Kilworth.
Pulteney, Rev. A. W. P., Ashley Rectory, Market Harborough.
Read, Mr. R., Jun., Leicester.
Rendell, The Rev. A. M., (*Hon. Local Sec.*), Coston.
Reeve, Wm. Napier, Esq., F.S.A., Leicester.
Richardson, The Rev. F. H., R.D., Belgrave.
Richardson, Capt. J. F. A. Leicester.
Robinson, G. A., Esq., Leicester.
Robinson, C. S., Esq., Leicester.
Rowley, George Fydell, Esq., Morcott Hall.
Rowley, Mrs. Dawson, Brighton.
Rutland, His Grace the Duke of, K.G., Belvoir Castle.
Salt, Sir W. A. Bart., Mapplewell.
Sandon, The Rev. W. H., Stanford-on-Avon, Rugby.
Saunt, The Rev. F. Barfoot, Melbury-Bubb Rectory, Sherborne.
Sforza, The Duchess, Ragdale.
Shaw, George, Esq., M.D., Leicester.
Simpkin, Mr. J. G., Leicester.
Small, The Rev. N. P., Market Bosworth.
Spencer, Mr. James, Leicester.
Spencer, Mr. Charles Alfred, Leicester.
Spencer, Mr. John, Leicester.
Stafford, John, Esq., Leicester.
Stretton, Clement, Esq., Glen Magna.
Stretton, Albert, Esq., Leicester.
Stevenson, George, Esq., Leicester.
Stocks, The Rev. J. E., Market Harborough.
Taylor, Mr. John, Loughborough.
Thomson, C. S., Esq., Barrow-on-Soar.
Titley, The Rev. R., (*Hon. Local Sec.*) Barwell.
Tollemache, The Rev. A. F., Whitwick.
Toller, Arthur, Esq., Stoneygate, Leicester.
Tower, The Rev. E., (*Hon. Local Sec.*) Earl's Shilton, (*in* 1882.)
Trollope, The Rev. Andrew, Carlton Curlieu.
Twining, Richard, Esq., Bitteswell.
Twells, The Rev. H., R.D., Waltham.
Upcher, The Rev. H. Berners, Dingley.
Waite, R., Esq., Leicester.
Walker, Theodore, Esq., Leicester.
Warner, Edward, Esq., Quorn Hall.
Wartnaby, J. W., Esq., Leicester.
Watson, The Rev. J. S., Cotesbach.
West, J. H., Esq., Manor House, Little Bowden.
Whetstone, William, Esq., Coalville.
Whitmore, T. C. D., Esq., Gumley Hall.
Wilde, R. A., Esq., East Langton.
Williams, J. H., Esq., Leicester.
Willes, The Rev. Canon, Ashby Magna.
Wilson, The Hon. Harry Tyrwhitt, Keythorpe Hall.

Wilton, The Right Hon., the Earl of, Melton Mowbray.
Winterton, W., Esq., Leicester.
Winterton, Frank, Esq., Leicester.
Witts, J. W., Esq., Market Harborough.
Wood, The Rev. C. Henton, Leicester.
Wood, Richard Henry, Esq., F.S.A., F.R.G.S., Penrhos House, Rugby.
Wood, The Rev. L. W., Dunton Bassett.
Worswick, Major, Normanton.
Wright, A., Esq., Leicester.
Wykes, Arthur, Esq., Stoneygate, Leicester.
Yard, The Rev. Canon, The Confratery, Leicester.

RULES.

1. That the Society be called "The Architectural and Archæological Society of the County of Leicester."

2.—That the objects of the Society be, to promote the study of Ecclesiastical Architecture, General Antiquities, and the Restoration of Mutilated Architectural Remains within the County; and to furnish suggestions, so far as may be within its province, for improving the character of Ecclesiastical Edifices, and for preserving all Ancient Remains which the Committee may consider of value and importance.

3.—That the Society be composed of Patrons, President, Treasurer, and Secretaries; and Honorary and Ordinary Members.

4.—That Members of the Society be privileged to propose new Members, either by letter or personally, to be elected at the Committee Meetings; and that Honorary Members shall be gentlemen who have either rendered signal Service to the Society, or are specially learned in the subjects the study of which it is formed to encourage, and shall be nominated by the Committee at one of their Meetings, and proposed for election only at the General Annual Meeting of the Members to be held in the January of each year.

5.—That Rural Deans within the County of Leicester be *ex-officio* Members of the Committee, on their signifying an intention to become Members of the Society.

6.—That each Member shall pay an Annual Subscription of Ten Shillings, to be due on the first day of January in each year.

7.—That the affairs of the Society be conducted by a Committee composed of the Patrons, Presidents, Rural Deans (being Members), all Secretaries of the Society, all Professional Architects (being Members), all Honorary Members, and not less than twenty ordinary Members, of whom four at least shall have been Members of the Committee of the preceding year.

8.—That the Meetings of the Members be held on the last Monday of every alternate month; that one of such Meetings to be held in the month of January be considered the Annual General Meeting at which the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be rendered and the Committee for the year be elected, and such new Rules or alterations in the Rules proposed and made as may be thought necessary: provided always that due notice of such new Rules or alterations in Rules be given by circular to each Member of the Society at least seven days before the Annual Meeting. That in addition to the Bi-monthly Meetings—so including the Annual

Meeting—Public Meetings for the reading of Papers, &c., may be held as provided for under Rule 11.

9.—That the Committee (of whom five shall be a quorum) have power to add to their number, and to elect from the Society the requisite number of Secretaries.

10.—That the Members of the Committee in any neighbourhood may associate other Members of the Society with themselves, and form Committees for Local Purposes in communication with the Central Committee.

11.—That the Public Meetings of the Society be holden at such times and places as shall be appointed by the Committee.

12.—That the Committee meet at the times and places which they may themselves appoint.

13.—That the Secretaries be empowered, on the requisition of five Members of the Committee, to call a Special Meeting of the Society.

14.—That Donations of Architectural and Antiquarian Books, Plans, &c., be received; that the Committee be empowered to make purchases and procure casts and drawings, which shall be under the charge of the Secretaries.

15.—That when the Committee shall consider any Paper, which may have been read before the Society, worthy of being printed at its expense, they shall request the author to furnish a copy, and shall decide upon the number of copies to be printed, provided always that the number be sufficient to supply each Member with one copy, and the Author with twenty-five copies. All other questions relating to publishing plans and papers, and illustrating them with engravings, shall be decided by the Committee.

16.—That the Committee may every year publish, or join with other Architectural and Archæological Societies in publishing, for circulation among the Members, Transactions to contain descriptions and Papers connected with the objects of the Society.

17.—That on application being made to any Member of the Committee, or to the Committee collectively, for the advice of the Society in the restoration of any Church, a Sub-Committee be appointed (of which the Incumbent or Resident Minister be one) to visit the Church, and submit a report in writing to the General Committee.

18.—That all Plans for the building, enlargement or restoration of Churches, Schools, &c., sent for the inspection of the Committee, be placed in the hands of one of the Secretaries of the Society, at least fourteen days before the Committee Meeting, for the Secretary to prepare a special report thereon.

19.—That the Committee have power at any Meeting to make grants towards the objects of the Society, provided that if such grant—other than that for carrying out the objects contemplated in Rules 15 and 16—exceed 30s., notice be given in the circular or advertisement calling the Meeting.

The Bi-monthly Meetings of the Society are held on the last Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November—the Meeting in January to be the General Meeting for the transaction of business.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

1887.

Patrons.

His Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G.
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Presidents.

The High Sheriff of Leicestershire.
The Worshipful the Mayor of Leicester.
The Right Honourable the Earl Howe, C.B.
The Right Honourable the Earl of Denbigh.
The Right Honourable Earl Ferrers.
The Right Honourable the Earl of Dysart.
The Right Honourable the Earl of Lanesborough.
The Right Honourable Lord John Manners, G.C.B., M.P.
The Right Honourable Lord Braye.
The Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.C.L., D.D., Archdeacon of Leicester.
Major the Honourable Montagu Curzon.
The Honourable Harry Tyrwhitt Wilson.
Sir Frederick T. Fowke, Baronet.
Sir Arthur Grey Hazlerigg, Baronet.
Sir Henry St. John Halford, Baronet, C.B.
Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Baronet.
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Edward Finch Dawson, Esquire.
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William Unwin Heygate, Esquire.
Edwin de Lisle, Esquire, M.P.
Colonel F. Palmer.
Major G. T. Mowbray.
H. L. Powys-Keck, Esquire.
T. T. Paget, Esquire.
T. K. Tapling, Esquire, M.P.

Committee.

The Patrons
The Presidents.
All Rural Deans (being Members).
The Honorary Secretaries.
All Professional Architects (being Members).
All Honorary Members.
The Rev. C. W. Belgrave.
Francis E. Bigge, Esq.
The Rev. J. B. Dickson, LL.D.
Thomas Ingram, Esq.
S. Knight, Esq.
The Rev. W. R. Mangan.
The Rev. W. B. Moore.
Fred. R. Morley, Esq.
G. C. Neale, Esq.
Thomas Nevinson, Esq.
The Rev. T. W. Owen.
The Rev. J. E. Stocks.
The Rev. A. Trollope.
John Wade Wartnaby, Esq.
The Rev. Lewis W. Wood.
The Rev. C. Henton Wood.

The Excursion Sub-Committee.

The Honorary Secretaries.
T. Holyland, Esquire.
J. W. Wartnaby, Esquire.

Honorary Local Secretaries.

Market Harborough District.

The Rev. Philip Stocks, Great Bowden Vicarage.

Melton Mowbray District.

The Rev. Arthur Medland Rendell, Coston Rectory.

Lutterworth District.

The Rev. Lewis Weyman Wood, Dunton Bassett Vicarage.

Hinckley District.

The Rev. Richard Titley, Barwell Rectory.

Honorary Corresponding Member for Coventry.

William George Fretton, Esq., F.S.A., Coventry.

Honorary Secretaries of the Society.

Colonel G. C. Bellairs, The Newarke, Leicester. (*Financial*).

William Jesse Freer, Esq., (*Hon. Local Sec. Soc. Antiqs. London*), Stoneygate, Leicester. (*Corresponding*).

The Rev. William George Dimock Fletcher, F.S.A., St. Michael's Vicarage, Shrewsbury. (*Editorial*).

Auditor.

Thomas Holyland, Esq.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED IN 1887.

Mr. Joseph Roper, Hastings Street, Leicester.
The Rev. Christopher Rodwell, Kimcote Rectory.
Mr. Thomas Harrold, Castle Street, Hinckley.
Mr. John Dennis Paul, Regent Street, Leicester.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED IN 1888.

Mr. James Sherwin Dickenson, Kibworth Harcourt, and Friar Lane, Leicester.
Mr. Joseph Young, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester.

MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1887-8.

His Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G., *Patron.*
Price-Dent, General, The Manor House, Hallaton.
Richardson, Rev. F. H., R.D., Belgrave.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1887.

Archæological Journal of the British Institute. Vol. XLIV. Parts 1, 2, and 3. 1887.

Essex Archæological Society's Transactions. Vol. III. Part 2. 1887.

Kent Archæological Society, Transactions of the. Archæologia Cantiana. Vol. XVII. 1887.

Montgomeryshire, Collections Historical and Archæological relating to. Powys-land Club. Vol. XXI. Part 2. 1887.

Reliquary, The. Quarterly Archæological Journal. Edited by the Rev. J. Charles Cox, LL.D., F.S.A. New Series. Nos. 3, 4 and 5. July and October, 1887, and January, 1888.

Shropshire Archæological and Natural History Society's Transactions. Vols. X., Part 3, and XI., Part 1. 1887-8.

Walford's Antiquarian, March and July, 1887.

Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Journal. Vol. X. Part 3. 1887.

Note.—The Society's Room is at Messrs. Clarke and Hodgson's, 5, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester, where the Library is kept, and is open daily for the use of Members. Any Member borrowing a book is requested to enter the title and date in the book provided for that purpose.

January 31*st*, 1887.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

was held in the Library of the Guild Hall, Leicester,

Mr. J. W. Wartnaby in the Chair.

The Report of the Committee for the year 1886 was adopted and passed as follows:—

THE REPORT.

In presenting to our Members the Thirty-second Annual Report of our proceedings, we have to lament the great loss which our Society has sustained during the past year in the death of some of its oldest and best Members. The Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., of Cranoe, was elected in 1856, joined the Committee in 1858, and read his first Paper, on a window in Lincoln Cathedral, in 1859. From that date he was a frequent contributor of Papers on all kinds of subjects, bringing great archæological knowledge and minute and unfailing patience in his antiquarian researches. His illustrated books on the Hundred of Gartree and other works will long remain an authority on the churches he has pourtrayed and described. The Ven. Archdeacon Pownall, F.S.A., became a Member of our Society in 1861. His fame as a numismatist was unrivalled in this neighbourhood, and his knowledge in this branch of archæology was always at our service in the case of any coin of difficult or doubtful inscription. He, as well as Mr. Hill, was punctual in his attendance at our Meetings whenever it was possible, and until his time was taken up in the duties of his archdeaconry. He read many and valuable Papers on the subjects in which he took most interest, but he was learned in many ways, and did not confine himself to writing on coins only. Captain Whitby was elected in 1863. He was a frequent exhibitor of archæological objects, and we shall much miss his constant presence and help. The Rev. J. M. Lakin, Brooksby; Mr. W. Gleadow, Leicester; Mr. W. Johnson, Saddington; Mr. C. A. Macaulay; Mr. W. Latham, Melton; Mr. J. Crane, Leicester; and Mr. J. Bouskell we have also lost during the year.

The bi-monthly Meetings have been held as usual, with the exception of July 26, when there was no quorum, and in consequence a Meeting could not be held. A small party of our Members joined those of the Architectural Society of Lincoln for the Annual Excursion in June, when the Cathedral and City of Lincoln was visited.

Only one Paper has been sent during the year for reading and discussion, namely:—*Thomas Davenport, Mayor of Leicester*, 1553-4, by the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher. A number of interesting objects have been exhibited at the bi-monthly Meetings, among which may be noted a brass plate from Great Bowden Church, inscribed with the name of William Wolstanton, and a copy of his will dated 1403; also, a collection of relics of the Great Emperor Napoleon.

St. Barnabas Church, at New Humberstone, has been completed from the designs of Messrs. Goddard and Paget, and was consecrated on June 29th. The *Church of Great Bowden* is at present under repair. Numerous paintings in distemper have been found on the walls under the whitewash, but nearly all were hopelessly decayed. A fine organ has been placed in the *Church of St. John the Baptist, at Knighton*. It was built by the Messrs. Taylor, at a cost of

£500. At *Syston*, two new bells have been hung in the tower, to complete a peal of eight. The *Church of St. Michael, at Belgrave*, is not yet completed. It will be seen that we have but a meagre Report to make of the Society's work and progress during the past year. It is to be hoped that greater interest will be taken in the Meetings during the present year, and that new Members will step in to fill the vacant places of those we have lost.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
1886.				
Jan. 1.	Balance in hand ..	132	3	11
	Subscriptions and Arrears received during the year	104	10	6
		£236	14	5
1887.				
Jan. 1.	Balance in hand	£126	9	3

Payments.	£	s.	d.
1886.			
Printing and Publishing Transactions; Williamson, share of Annual Volume; New Books, Periodicals, &c.	102	0	8
Advertising, &c.	7	6	6
Sundries	0	18	0
Balance	126	9	3
	£236	14	5

1887, January 24th. Examined and found correct,

THOMAS HOLYLAND,

Auditor.

The Report and Accounts were ordered to be printed.

All the Members of the Committee, and the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Society were re-elected for the ensuing year, and thanked for their past services.

The Local Secretaries for the Melton Mowbray and Hinckley Districts were re-elected; and the Rev. Philip Stocks, of Great Bowden Vicarage, was elected Local Secretary for the Market Harborough District in the place of the Rev. J. H. Hill, F.S.A., deceased, and the Rev. L. W. Wood, of Dunton Bassett Vicarage, Local Secretary for the Lutterworth District in the place of the Venerable Archdeacon Pownall, F.S.A., deceased.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor for so kindly permitting the Society to use the Guild Hall for its meetings; and to the Press, for reporting the proceedings of the Society.

It was decided to hold meetings on the alternate Mondays of the month, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher contributed the following paper (which was read for him by Mr. W. J. Freer) on a

RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF LEICESTERSHIRE IN 1676.

There is preserved in the William Salt Library at Stafford a valuable and unique MS. of great interest entitled "An Account

of the Province of Canterbury, 1676," which sometime belonged to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and which throws considerable light upon the religious state of a great portion of England sixteen years after the Restoration of King Charles the Second to the English Throne, and also upon the population of the various places. It is a Survey of the Province of Canterbury, made in the year 1676, and seems to have been drawn up "in pursuance of a Letter directed to each Bishop from the Right Revd. Father in God Henery, Lord Bishop of London"; and the return was made by the minister, or by the minister and churchwardens, of each parish, "according to the most exact computation."

It contains the number of all the "Conformists, Papists, and Nonconformists" who were "Inhabitants above the age of 16," in every town and village within the Southern Province, arranged under Dioceses, Counties and Deaneries. The Conformists formed everywhere an enormous majority of the inhabitants. The "Papists" were strongest at Ashby Folvile, where they numbered 22; but this was owing to the influence of the Smiths, who were Roman Catholics. Breedon follows with 16, and Eastwell with 13. At Eastwell, the Eyres who were lords of the manor, belonged to that form of religion, and had a private chapel within their manor-house; this has since been taken down, but there is still a Roman Catholic Chapel with schools at Eastwell. Then come Belton with 9, Husbands Bosworth the seat of the Turviles, and Medbourne-cum-Holt, the seat of the Nevills, with 8 apiece, and Aston Flamvile, also a seat of the Turviles, with 7. At Leicester there were but 3, and they all resided in S. Martin's parish. Altogether there were 148 "Papists" in the county in the year 1676.

The Protestant Nonconformists were of course far more numerous; but their strength generally lay in the villages, not in the towns. Of the towns, the county town had 43 Nonconformists, Hinckley 18, Market Harborough 15, Lutterworth 6, Ashby-de-la-Zouch 5, Market Bosworth 3, and Melton Mowbray only 1. Loughborough however had 75, and this may have been due to the influence of Oliver Bromskell, an intruding minister in 1644, and a man of wealth (he owned and lived at the manor-house), who was ejected when the Act of Uniformity was passed 1662. In 1672 there were three Presbyterian ministers in Loughborough, who preached in licensed private houses. Wymeswold had 80 Nonconformists, the largest number of any place in the county; the Conformists being 100, and the Papists 2. Barrow-cum-membris (which includes Mountsorrel, Quorndon, and Woodhouse,) comes third with 64. Harby had 47, the Langtons 41, Earl Shilton (where in 1672 there were two Presbyterian ministers, one of whom, Edward Cheney, founded a chapel there,) 33, Sileby 29, Nether Broughton and Saddington 23 each, and Wistow 20. In

88 villages there was not a single Nonconformist. Altogether there were 1170 Protestant Nonconformists in Leicestershire in the year 1676. The Conformists, or members of the Church of England, numbered 39,389.

In the *Leicester Daily Mercury* of 22 Feb. 1875, was given a very valuable list, contributed by Mr. John B. Marsh of London, of licensed nonconformist preachers and of houses licensed for preaching, in this county, in the year 1672, four years before the date of this census of the Province of Canterbury.

Why this census was taken does not appear. I transcribe the part relating to Leicestershire, exactly as given in the MS., and retaining the same spelling.

DIOCESS OF LINCOLN, 1676. LEICESTER SHIRE.

Decant' Akeley.

	Conformists.	Papists.	Nonconformists.
Ashby de la rouch	672	1	5
Barrowe super Soare cum Membris	1045	—	64
Belton	205	9	8
Breedon	892	16	2
Buestall	114	—	—
Cole Overton	291	—	—
Diseworth	136	1	1
Dixely	85	4	2
Hatherne	159	—	4
Kegworth	326	—	1
St. Leonard's Lec't	102	1	2
Lockington	217	—	14
Loughborough	1046	2	75
Oneleape	45	—	4
Osgathorpe	90	—	—
Packington cum membris	205	—	4
Seale	305	—	3
Shepshoad	366	6	4
Suepston in por'ia	65	—	3
Suepston	137	—	1
Thurcaston, and	91	—	—
Cropston, &	53	—	—
Anstye	140	—	—
Whatton Longa	175	—	12
Whitwick cum membris	466	5	12

Decant' Christianitatis.

St. Martyns Lec't'	910	3	14
St. Mary	395	—	3
Trinity Hospitall	109	—	—
All Saints	331	—	15
St. Nicholas	177	—	9

DECANAT' SPARKINHOE.

	Conformists.	Papists.	Nonconformists.
Applebie	240	—	—
Barwell cum	224	1	6
Stapleton	44	—	5
Bosworth	712	—	3
Barlston	93	—	14
Carlston	48	—	—
Shenton	92	—	—
Sutton Cheynell	125	—	—
Cadeby	53	—	—
Congerston	77	—	—
Drayton fenny	73	—	—
Dadlington	55	—	7
Hugglescose cum Donnington	95	—	—
Higham	122	—	7
Hinckley	500	4	18
Heather	110	—	2
Ibstock	190	—	—
Kirkby Mallory	114	—	5
Earl Shilton	198	3	33
Mackfield	130	—	13
Nelston	230	—	4
Newbold Verdon	115	—	—
Norton juxta Hoycrosse	167	1	—
Orton super montem	126	—	2
Hoycrosse Paroch. de Orton	84	2	9
Peckleton	86	—	5
Stoke Golding	78	—	—
Sibbesdon	158	—	6
Shackerston	142	—	—
Shepie boreal':	141	—	2
Shepie Austral'	171	—	3
Thornton cum Bagworth	315	—	13
Witherley	173	—	—

DECANAT' GARTREE.

Billesdon cu' Roleston & Goadby	338	—	1
Blaston	55	—	—
Bosworth	348	8	4
Bowdon magna	358	—	5
Burton Overy	122	—	—
Bringhurst cum Easton	447	—	2
Burrough	58	—	2
Carleton Curlet: cum Ilston	130	2	—
Cranoe	69	—	—
Evington	117	—	2
Fleckney	114	—	—
Foxton	296	—	—
Galby	94	—	—

DECANAT' GARTREE—*Continued.*

	Conformists.	Papists.	Nonconformists.
Glen magna cum Stretton magna	260	—	1
Glowston	62	—	—
Gumley	109	—	4
Hallawghton	399	—	8
Howghton	160	—	—
Horninghold	101	—	1
Harborough	456	—	15
Kibworth cum membris	540	—	11
Knawsington	68	—	4
Langton cum membris	522	—	41
Lawton	62	—	3
Lubenham	192	—	1
Medburn, & Holt	240	8	—
Mowsley	127	—	—
Norton cum Stretton parva	134	—	—
Noseley	20	—	—
Ouston	127	—	4
Pickwell	25	—	5
Saddington	121	—	23
Stanton Wivell	42	—	—
Scraptoft	60	—	—
Shankton	19	—	—
Slawston	96	—	—
Stockerston	80	—	—
Theddingworth	150	—	2
Thurnby cum Bushby & Stoughton	147	—	—
Welham	44	—	—
Wistow cum membris	219	—	20

DECANAT' GUTHLAKESTON.

Ashby parva	48	—	6
Arnesbie	218	—	8
Aston Flamvile	42	7	2
Burbage	258	—	—
Ashby magna	66	2	—
Aylston	189	—	—
Broughton Astley	190	—	19
Bitteswell	177	—	6
Bruntingthorp	130	—	3
Blaby	281	—	4
Countesthorpe	168	—	12
Braunston	65	—	1
Kerby	76	—	—
Catthorpe	70	—	—
Cleybroke	362	—	—
Cottesbitch	55	—	—
Croft	83	—	—
Cosby	176	—	19
Defford	163	—	5

DECANAT' GUTHLAKESTON—*Continued.*

	Conformists.	Papists.	Nonconformists.
Dunton Bassett	108	—	11
Frowlesworth	104	—	4
Foston	21	—	—
Gillmorton	197	—	16
Glenfield	97	—	4
Killworth Australis	100	—	—
Killworth Borealis	177	—	6
Kimcote	148	—	2
Lutterworth	638	—	6
Leyre	136	—	8
Misterton	130	—	1
Narborough	204	—	4
Odeby	187	—	5
Peatling magna	93	—	1
Peatling parva	44	—	9
Sapcoate	155	—	12
Sharnford	128	—	2
Shawell	78	—	—
Sheavesbie	143	—	—
Stony Stanton	130	—	1
Swinford	140	—	—
Thurlston	122	—	2
Whettston	217	—	30
Enderby	191	1	3
Wigston magna	437	—	18
Willoughby Waterlesse	90	—	1

DECANAT' GOSCOTT.

Alexton	51	—	—
Asfordby	221	—	—
Ashby Folvile	240	22	2
Barkby	256	—	18
Beeby	82	—	4
Belgrave cum	120	5	6
Thurmaston	116	—	—
Brooksby	17	—	—
Croxton Australis	138	—	1
Cussington	72	—	4
Dalby Chalcomb	177	—	1
Frizby super Wreake	135	1	—
Hoaby	90	—	—
Hoton	80	—	1
Humbarston	130	—	1
Hungarton	284	—	6
Loddington	115	—	3
Lossby	49	—	—
Norton East	61	—	1
Quoniborow	224	2	—

DECANAT' GOSCOTT—*Continued.*

	Conformists.	Papists.	Nonconformists.
Prestwould	153	—	5
Ragdale	34	—	2
Ratcliffe	56	—	—
Rearsby	180	—	—
Rotherby	65	—	—
Saxilby	79	5	—
Sileby	272	—	29
Syston	350	—	17
Skeffington	104	—	—
Thrussington	193	—	2
Tilton	208	1	2
Twyford	80	—	1
Tugby	151	—	—
Waltham on the Woulds	93	—	3
Wymeswould	100	2	80

DECANAT' FRAMLAND.

Abkettleby	152	—	4
Barkston	122	—	—
Bottesford	581	—	—
Braunston	116	—	5
Broughton inferior	137	—	23
Buckminster	248	—	3
Claxton longa	204	—	31
Coston	66	2	—
Croxton Kerriall	169	—	4
Dalby Parva	68	—	—
Eaton	126	2	—
Eastwell	62	13	—
Edmondthorp	118	—	—
Garthorp	91	—	6
Goadby	61	—	—
Harby	138	—	47
Hartston	76	—	—
Hose	118	1	12
Kirby Bellars	100	1	3
Knipton	108	—	9
Melton Mowbray cum membris	1077	—	1
Muston	120	—	—
Cold Overton	84	—	—
Plungar	93	—	1
Redmile	130	—	1
Saltby	103	—	—
Saxby	73	—	—
Scaulford	175	—	—
Somerbie	204	—	12
Sproxton	129	—	—
Stapleford	180	1	—

DECANAT' FRAMLAND — *Continued.*

	Conformists.	Papists.	Nonconformists.
Statherne	182	—	10
Stonesbie	102	—	—
Thorp Arnold	90	—	—
Waltham	210	—	—
Wyforby	50	—	—
Wymondham	119	3	—

I subjoin, in order to make this paper more complete, a copy of the document communicated by Mr. John B. Marsh to the *Leicester Daily Mercury* in 1875, and compiled by him from MSS. in the Public Record Office. In 1672 Charles II. issued a Declaration of Indulgence, and suspended all penal laws in operation against the Nonconformists, directing them to apply forthwith for licenses to preach. Parliament was not then sitting. As soon as it met, however, the Indulgence was withdrawn, Parliament holding that the King had no right to suspend penal statutes in matters ecclesiastical.

The following list contains, in the first column the names of licensed Nonconformist Preachers in the county in the year 1672; in the second column the names of persons licensed to have preaching in their houses by regular ministers, or where no special preacher's name is attached by poor itinerant preachers who travelled about the country; in the third column the town or village where the house of meeting was; and in the fourth column the denomination. The abbreviations used are O. H., Own House; P., Presbyterian; C., Congregationalist; B., Baptist; I., Independent; A., Anabaptist.

Preacher.	House of Meeting.	Place.	Denomination.
Adams, Richard	O. H.	Mountsorrel	P.
	Andrew, Thomas	Multen Parven	P.
Armstrong, John		Stapleton	P.
Aynsworth, William	O. H.	West Langton	B.
	Bagett, Thomas		P.
	Barfoot, George	Fleckney	C.
	Basse, Robert	Market Harbro'	P.
	Batt, Richard	Howcke	P.
	Bent, William	Harborow	P.
Besby, Edward Taylor	Grundy, Nicholas	Thornton	B.
Biges, William	Cheney, Edward	Earleshalton	P.
	Booth, Richard	Ratby	B.
Booth, Richard	O. H.	Ratby	B.
	Brotherhead, Elizabeth	Thornton	B.
Burdet, William	O. H.	Mosley	B.
	Burdett, William	Leicester	B.
	Buswell, Roger	Hus. Bosworth	I.
	Button, John	Walton	P.

Preacher.	House of Meeting.	Place.	Denomination.
Button, Simon		Pickwell	B.
	Buttris, Simond	Pickwell	P.
	Carter, George	Cadby	P.
	Cattle, Robert	Swinford	P.
	Caw, John	Thedingworth	P.
	Caw, John	Thedingworth	I.
	Chapman, William	Walcote	I.
	Church, John	Little Wigan	P.
Cheney, Edward		Earleshalton	P.
	Clarke, Edward	Church lancton	P.
Clark, Matthew, M.A.	Johnson, Thomas	Horninghold	P.
Clarke, Mathew	O. H.	Market Harbro'	P.
	Coleman, Richard	Leicester	B.
	Coleman, Richard	Leicester	C.
	Crandy, Nicholas	Thornton	P.
	Cranwell, Luke	Kegworth	P.
Cross, William	O. H.	Loughborough	P.
	Darby, John	Drayton	P.
	Doel, Abigail	Stokegolden	P.
Doughty, Samuel	O. H.	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	P.
Dowley, Richard	O. H.	Orton-on-the-Hill	C.
Drayton, Richard	Wall, John	Perford	P.
	Dudley, Thomas	Harkles	C.
Farmer, Richard	Fox, Henry	Wigston	C.
Farmer, Richard	O. H.	Kilby	B.
	Flax, Henry	WightestoneMagna	C.
	Floxsons, John	Blaybey	P.
	Floyd, James	Swinford	P.
	Ford, John	Plyte	C.
Gab, Major	O. H.	Leicester	C.
	Gardners, John	Barlston	B.
	Godeby, Elias	Howcke	P.
Grantham, Thomas		Rouston	B.
Hamer, Richard	O. H.	Kilby	C.
	Harrison, Widow	Sapcote	P.
	Harrison, Richard	Buckwell	P.
	Harshorne, Henry	Lullingham	B.
	Hart, William	Harborow	C.
	Heath, John	Great Bowden	C.
	Heele, Nathaniel	Ratcliff Culey	P.
Hill, Thomas	O. H.	Lea Grange	P.
	Hodson, Michael	Ulstrop	P.
	Hood, William	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	P.
Hornby, Walter	O. H.	Shawell	P.
	Horton, Joseph	Mousley	P.
	Hubbard, George	Rearsby.	P.
	Hubbard, Mathew	Mitch Ashby	P.
Husband, John		Holock	P.
Iliff, Richard		Flecney	B.
	Ireland, Richard	Loughborough	P.

Preacher.	House of Meeting.	Place.	Denomination.
	James, Ralph	North Willingham	B.
Jennings, John		West Longton	P.
	Johnson, George	Horninghold	C.
Jones, John	Oneby, John	Barnwell	B.
	Jordan, William	Westerby	C.
Kestin, Nicholas	Kestin, Richard	Great Bowden	P.
Kestin, Richard		Great Bowden	P.
Keston, Michael	O. H.	Leicester	C.
	King, John	Witherly	P.
Kitchin, John		Lutterworth	A.
Lea, John	O. H.	Bagworth	P.
	Legg, Thomas	Ratby	P.
Major, Gabriel	Erick, Robert	Leicester	P.
	Moore, William	Enderby	P.
	More, Thomas	Market Harborough	P.
	Needham, Clement	Saxby	P.
Ogle, Thomas	Kendall, John	Tonge-in-Breedon	C.
Owneby, John		Barwell	P.
Parr, John		Farningham	I.
Paine, Michael	O. H.	Thornton	P.
	Paine, Richard	Thornton	P.
Peasant, William		Bosworth	P.
	Pleasant, William	Westlanghton	P.
Pole, Ferdinand	Hardmente, William	Loughborough	P.
	Pratt, Thomas	Cuttes Park	P.
	Pratt, Thomas	Masterton	P.
Ralph, James		North Willingham	B.
	Rapin, William	Aygorthorp	P.
Sheffield, William, M.A.	O. H.	Upper Kibworth	P.
	Shepard, Richard	Wigston	P.
Shuttlewood, John, B.A.,		Lubbenham	P.
	Smalley, John	Normanton	P.
Smith, Thomas	Thomasman, Francis	Wanlip Grange	C.
Smith, Thomas	Thomasman, Frank	Castle Dunnington	P.
Smith, William	O. H.	Diseworth Grange	P.
Southall, Richard	Hubbard, Mathew	Mitch Ashby	P.
Statham, Samuel	Statham, Mary	Loughborough	P.
Stephens, Nathaniel, M.A.,	O. H.	Stokeholden	P.
	Stoodman, Thomas	Glenfield	P.
	Strutton, William	Nether Cleabrook	P.
St. Nicholas, John	O. H.	Burbage.	P.
	Taylor, Joseph	Holoek	P.
	Temple, Edmond	Showell	P.
	Ward, Samuel	Hinckley	P.
Williamson, Thomas		Scotter	P.
	Winterton, John	Littleworth	P.
Wood, Timothy	O. H.	Leicester	P.
Woodham, John	O. H.	Rookby	P.
Woolire, Richard	Shrop, Eliza	Leicestershire	P.
Wright, Samuel	O. H.	Dunnington	P.

Subjoined also is a list of the "Names of Popish Recusants convict and Papists who have registered their Estates," in the county in the year 1716, taken from Add. MS. 15,629, fos. 29, 30. It shows who were "Papists" in that year, with the annual value of their estates.

LEICESTERSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
Tho: Bloffeilde & Margrett his Wife—at Norton ..	20	0	0
Robert Beaumount of Belton	180	1	8
John Beaumount—at Byerley of Belgrave	312	3	4
George Coumyns, of the impropriate Tythes St. Mary's do.	52	0	0
Lady Carrington of Ashby Folvile	714	8	0
Henry Eyre / Tho: Eyre } of Eastwell, Esqr.	589	12	4
Hellena ffermor	600	0	0
Henry ffermor	200	0	0
Charles ffortescue of Husband Bosworth, Esqr. ..	181	0	6¼
John Kines Out of Belgrave	30	0	0
Wm Knight at Lubenham	210	0	0
John Millington & Jane his Wife } at Huncote	31	16	0
Wm. Moore, of Holton in the Hill			
Henry Nevill, Esqr. do.	1132	0	8
Mary Ord, at Quendon	122	15	10
ffrancis Rigmaiden at Busby	19	16	8
Isabell Smith / Edmund Smith / ffrancis Smith } at Queniborough	1157	2	0
John Stevens at Grimeston	8	19	10
Wm. Sheldon at Cole Orton Esqr.	18	3	5
Emerentiania Stafford at Huncote	28	0	0
ffrancis Turville / ffrances Turville } of Ashton fflamvile	498	10	3
John Talbott of Claybrooke	378	10	0
Ralph Widdington at Labnam	210	0	0
Wm. Watson & Hellena his wife } at East Norton	108	0	0
Jane Byerley of Belgrave	261	5	0
James ffermor Esqr.	98	0	0
	£7161	15	6¼

The above list is very similar to "The names of the Roman Catholics, Nonjurors, and others, who refus'd to take the Oaths to his late Majesty King George," 1715, which was first printed in the year 1745, and reprinted in 1862. It no doubt is a list of the Nonjurors as well as of the Roman Catholics in the County in 1716.

The Rev. A. M. Rendell contributed the following paper, entitled

AN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LEICESTERSHIRE ACCOUNT BOOK.

This Account Book was kept by Mr. John Frisby, (or as he spells it ffrisby,) from 1735 to 1754, and is now in the possession of Mr. W. Clarke of Wykeham, a descendant of the writer.

Mr. Frisby appears to have acted as agent for various estates, and among others to have collected the rents at Coston; for amongst the earliest entries is the following:—

1735.	£	s.	d.
Our whole rent to pay to Thos. Tufton, Esq.*	640	0	0
To pay to Mr. Pordage† for tythe	80	0	0
Whole payment	720	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Esq. Tufton's yearly tax at 2s. per pound	51	13	4
Mr. Pordage's ditto	08	15	0
Thos. Wotton, Esq.‡ ditto	08	7	4
Charpe's farme	01	13	4

And later we have this entry:—

Coston Land Tax att 4s. pr in ye year 1744.

Mr. James Bullivant§ with Mr. Colter's and Sharp's Farm ye Quart. pamt.	15	18	9
My own with Mr. Colter's Quart. Pamt.	15	2	1
Thos. Wotton, Esq., Quart. do.	4	3	8
	35	4	6

As showing the changes taking place in the names of the inhabitants of a village in the space of one hundred and fifty years,

* Thomas Tufton, son of Cecil Tufton (who was 4th son of Nicholas, Earl of Thanet), was owner of Coston, and died in 1743, leaving a daughter Ayliffe, who married the Rev. Abraham Phelps, of Heathfield, co. Somerset. (Nichols always spells this name *Phelps*, but both in the Registers and on the Tombstone it is spelt *Phelp*.)

† The Rev. Edward Pordage was rector of Coston from 1736 to 1742.

‡ The Rev. Thomas Wotton was owner of the Grange estate in Coston.

§ See some Monumental Inscriptions to the Bullivant family in Nichols' Leic. ii. 145.

the following list of occupiers at Coston from 1736 to 1746 is interesting:—

Robt. & Thos. Coy	Wm. Dobney.
Jno. Annis & Robt. Lewis	Robt. Bruxby
Henry Grocock	Thos. Wand
Jno. & Thos. Annis	Wm. Parker
Richd. Pick	Ricd. Adcock
Jno. Coats	Ricd. Howitt
Thos. Willson	Jno. Right
Zac. Bruster	Jno. Parker
Peter Healy	Wm. Wand
Jno. Jesson	Mr. James Bullivant
Robt. Geeson	Jno. Hewerdine
Fran. King	Jno. Cawtorn
Jno. & Thos. Healy	Hew Wittle
Matt. Hopkins	Robt. Harris

Only two of the above are represented at present by descendants of the same name in Coston, viz., Zac. Bruster by William Bristow, and Jno. Cawtorn by Job Cawthorn. The other surnames are in most instances to be found in the immediate neighbourhood.

The greater part of the book is taken up with accounts of wages paid to labourers, and of money due from them for goods supplied; the wages of men vary from 7d. to 1s. a day, those of women are uniformly 6d. a day, and those of boys are sometimes 1d. and sometimes 1½d. a day: at the same time it may be observed that the price per lb. of beef is 1½d., of lamb 1½d., of mutton 2d. and 2½d., and of veal 2½d. The following is a specimen of Mr. Frisby's accounts with his labourers:—

Richd. Adcock's Harvis Wages for 1746.

	£	s.	d.
6 Harvist Days at Coston	0	6	0
4 do. Waltham	0	4	0
2 other Days	0	1	4
	0	11	4
His Wife 3 days Haymaking	0	1	6
	0	12	10
To a Strike Malt 2s. 6d., and Lent 5s.	0	7	6
	0	5	4
And Received	0	16	0
	£1	1	4

Sept. 12th, Reckd. with Richd. Adcock, and I have received ye last guiney towards ye Arrears.

Various entries, having reference to different payments or receipts, are scattered through the book, of which I give some specimens :—

Dec. 27th, 1748.

Memarandum that I Jno. ffrisby has Discounted with Mr. East, of London, for his Estate of Benjn. Lensley, to Michs. last, 1748.

The Estate of Mr. John East wth Jno. ffrisby, from Michs., 1748, to Michs., 1749.

	£	s.	d.
Recd. for One Year's Rent	18	00	0
paid for One Year's Taxes £2 9 4			
Paid for One Year's Cheese Rent 0 11 8			
Common Fine and Signning 0 00 5			
To One Year's Salary 0 13 4			
	3	14	9
Clear Cash is	14	5	3

N.B.—Ye Cheese Rent and Common Fine and Signning is only pd. in ye Lady Dayes ½ Year's Rent and ½ ye Tax, and ye other ½ payment of Tax in ye Michs. ½ Year's Rent.

1750.

June ye 28th, 1750. Then Reckened wth Master Love, to this time paid him for &c.

	£	s.	d.
To your Clark wage Deu at Easter Last for Johnathan George's farm, 1s. 9d.; to Spickes, 9d.; Peales, 9d.; and this house where I live 4d.; and now its all joyned togather the whole is	0	3	7
To ye Children's Larneing as by will of Brother Baker's ..	0	15	0
	0	18	7

There are three accounts with Thomas Jarman, shoemaker, one of which I give, as it shows the prices then paid for shoes and repairs :—

Oct. ye 21st, 1750, Reckd. wth Thom. Jarman to this time for

	£	s.	d.
To Molley two pare of Shoes	0	5	0
To Tommey two pare of Shooes	0	3	2
To myselfe a pare	0	5	0
To my Wife a pare	0	3	6
To myselfe a pare soleing, a pare mending, Boots and Sho. ..	0	2	4
[*Sic*] To a pare of pare of Spaterdishes } .. .. .. and a pare of Shooes }	0	05	0
	£1	16	0

May ye 27th, 1751.

Ld. Grandbeys Horses came to Grass at Godeby Hors Park.
One came away lame 18 June, 3 weeks 5 horses.

two more ye 6th July { from ye 18 June to ye 6th July, 5 Horses.

The Rest ye 15th July { From ye 6th July to ye 15th, 3 Horses.

	£	s	d.	
The Horses Cum to	4	10	0	at 2s. 6d. pr. week.
16 Qurt. Oates, at 16s. 0d. per	12	16	0	
	£17	6	0	

He and his wife seem to have been a substantial couple for we find the following note :—

	Stone	lb.
Decembr ye 27th, 1752, I then wade		
my selfe and I wade	13 &	4
my wife wade	12 &	3

Several expressions in the following entries need explanation which I am unable to give :

	£	s.	d.
My Rent to his Grace ye Duke of Rutland is pr. year ..	39	14	8
To a Years Boath Boons	1	4	4
	£40	19	0

	£	s.	d.	
N.B. that is ye Ould Rent ..	25	14	8	This pd. ye 13th
To Harrey's Farm ..	14	00	0	Dec. 1752.
To Boon Coles for a year ..	0	12	2	N.B. ye Boons
To a year Hom Boons ..	0	12	2	Mr. Williamson says its 7d. more.
	40	19	0	

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To my Tharp Rent for ye Southings per year ..				.. ..	50	0	0
To a years Land Tax at 3s. 0d. pr. . . . . is	6	0	6		7	0	6
To Geal and Quartridges ..	1	0	0				
				Clear Cash paid	42	19	6
This paid 18th Jan., 1753					£50	0	0

The following notes also require explanation :—

N.B. Recd. a Bad 3 12 0.
N.B. Recd. 2 Lite 36 peeses.
N.B. There is 7 Sheep Commands, as Peter Greasely took of me at 1s. 0d. per Command or more, and he has Refused to pay Wm. Mackley for them.
N.B. Recd. a Lite Six-and-thirty wch. has to make out.

February 28*th*, 1887. Evening Meeting.

Mr. J. W. Wartnaby in the chair.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By the Chairman: A pair of enamelled sleeve links of the latter end of the last century, with the name of Ann Lucas engraved on them.

By Mr. W. J. Freer (on behalf of Mr. J. Young): A copy of the pocket edition of the Bible printed in 1653, called "The wicked Bible." This was printed by the Puritans for the use of the soldiers, and would be easily carried in a knapsack. It was published in a hurry, and the proofs very carelessly corrected, it being full of mistakes, some of them completely altering the meaning of the original text, as for instance, "the *unrighteous* shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." The book has in it the name of Roger Bentley, June 1st, 1765.

By Mr. S. Knight: A pattern coin in silver (probably intended for ½d.); on the *obverse* is the head of King Charles II., to the right, plain, not crowned nor laureated, with legend Carolo Secundo, and initials P. R.; on the *reverse* is a sleeping lion, above Quiescat in exergue Britan. The design appears not to have been adopted.

By the Rev. T. W. Owen: A small specimen of ancient pottery known as Bellarmine, but without the usual head and beard in front.

Also (on behalf of Messrs. Hobson & Co.) A very perfect and fine piece of ancient pottery, a vase or jar, 12 inches high, 7 inches across the mouth, and about 11 inches in diameter in the widest part, having two ears or handles. The jar was found about 6 feet below the surface of the ground, lying on its side, and was said to contain ashes. It had no cover. It was somewhat rude in shape, and was considered to be of Romano British date. Also a small fragment of Samian ware, apparently part of a Tazza, which has been highly ornamented with hunting scenes; in one compartment is represented a figure on horseback at full gallop, and apparently launching something with the right hand, and underneath is a lion (with a long shaggy mane) at full speed; in another compartment all that remains is the hind quarter of a stag apparently leaping. The figures are very spirited.

Also one or two pieces of brick with patterns, a fragment of a vase of black Roman pottery, and several pieces of the necks of ampullæ. Also some Roman coins, including a second brass coin of cesar vespasian aug. cos.; the head to right indistinct; *reverse*, pax sc.; figure also indistinct. A small silver coin,

obverse, head to right, CESAR DIVIT. DOMITIANVS. XII., the legend placed so as to read from the outside of the coin; on the *reverse* is a helmet, and an altar or stool, with the legend read the usual way, PRINCEPS, the rest obliterated. Two brass coins too much corroded to be deciphered. One small brass of Galienus, and one said to be of Constantine.

All these objects were found in Talbot Lane, Leicester, during some excavations for new buildings, joining part of the factory of Messrs. Hobson & Co., on the west side by the Jewry Wall, and about twelve feet below the level of the street.

The ancient Roman sewer mentioned in Throsby's *History of Leicester* was again broken into; it was entirely filled with earth, and was rectangular in shape, about four feet deep, and two feet wide, covered and paved with stone slabs. The direction of this sewer downwards towards the river if carried straight, would show that it emptied itself where the old Soar joins the present canal, which seems to increase the doubt whether the stream now used as a canal existed in the time of the Roman occupation. Another discovery was that, on trying to ascertain the upward direction by sinking shafts, it appeared that the sewer bent towards the Jewry Wall, and would seem to have passed through it. If it had continued straight forward, as Mr. Throsby supposed, it would have struck the lower end of St. Nicholas Street, formerly Shambles Lane.

While the workmen were excavating they discovered a bed of wood ashes, apparently circular, about twenty feet across, and in the centre some shapeless masses of fused iron; this was evidently the result of a fire, but did not seem to be the remains of burnt buildings. The contractor, Mr. T. Bland, said that near this place, on the other side of Talbot Lane, when making excavations many years ago, he found a large quantity of potter's clay. So this may have been part of the Pottery. It is however known that several of the Lollards were burnt at Leicester, near the Jewry Wall, and also some witches, and this may possibly be the place of execution. But the place called the "Holy Bones" is traditionally said to have been the place of the execution of the Lollards, and that it took its name from the circumstance.

Mr. Joseph Roper, of Hastings Street, Leicester, was duly elected a Member of the Society.

March 28th, 1887. Bi-monthly Meeting.

MR. G. C. CLARKE in the chair.

It was resolved that the sum of £2 2s. be granted from the Society's funds towards the memorial window at South Kilworth, erected in memory of the late Ven. Archdeacon Pownall, F.S.A.

Messrs. Clarke and Hodgson's Bill for printing "Transactions," &c., was ordered to be paid.

It was resolved that the Rev. J. E. Stocks should be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Archdeacon Pownall, to be printed in the Society's "Transactions."

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By the CHAIRMAN: A solid ebony box, richly carved with pomegranates, lilies, and other quaint devices; period seventeenth century. It came from Newstead Abbey, and once belonged to the late Lord Byron, the poet. The lock is very peculiar, a double bolt working from each side into the catch or keeper, and closing with a spring. It is of Italian workmanship.

By MR. W. J. FREER: A pair of old gold ear-rings, date seventeenth century. Also a gold memorial ring with the inscription, "Mary Freer ob. April 10, 1783, Æ. 72;" inside, "some times think of me." Mary Freer was the wife of George Freer, of Blaby, and grandmother of Thomas Freer, of Westcotes, Clerk of the Peace for this county. Her Will was proved at Leicester 11th June, 1783. (See *Leicestershire Pedigrees and Royal Descents*, p. 140.)

April 25th, 1887. Evening Meeting.

MR. J. W. WARTNABY in the chair.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By the CHAIRMAN: A silver salver, of the date of James II. A small silver cream jug, date 1764. A silver cream jug on three legs, chased, with round initials I.M.S., date 1767. Four old silver teaspoons, with basket of flowers on back, and one rat-tailed, date unknown.

By MR. F. R. MORLEY: A pair of handsome silver plate gentleman's shoe buckles, date *circa* William III.

By MR. W. J. FREER: A series of fines and recoveries from the reign of James I. An apprenticeship indenture of the City of London, eighteenth century. Two old engravings of Nottingham and Newstead Abbey, both of the eighteenth century.

May 23rd, 1887. Bi-monthly Meeting.

THE REV. C. HENTON WOOD in the chair.

It was resolved that this Society accept the offer of the Northamptonshire Society to join them in their Summer Excursion to Spalding and the neighbourhood this year.

It was also resolved that this Society expresses its regret at the loss by death of Mr. J. E. Weatherhead, one of its oldest members.

The Rev. Christopher Rodwell, of Kimcote Rectory, was duly elected a member of the Society.

June 27th, 1887. Evening Meeting.

Mr. J. W. Wartnaby in the chair.

It was resolved that a coloured print of a Roman Tesselated Pavement be purchased by Colonel Bellairs for the Society.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Meeting was held at Spalding, in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Society, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 5th, 6th, and 7th of July. The members of the Society proceeded by train to Spalding, where they met the Northamptonshire Society at Three o'clock. For the following account of the Excursion we are indebted to the Rev. Andrew Trollope.

Notes on the Churches in Lincolnshire visited by the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, in July, 1887. By the Rev. Andrew Trollope, Rector of Edith Weston.

This Society joined the Northamptonshire Society in their annual tour this year. The "meet" which was at Spalding, on Tuesday, the 5th of July, was attended by only a moderate number of members from each Society; but the smallness of the numbers by no means made the tour any the less interesting. The churches visited were some of the finest in Lincolnshire, that land of churches; the weather was perfect, all the arrangements excellent, and perhaps the only thing wanted to make the expedition absolutely complete, was the loan from the Lincoln Society of a certain well-known ecclesiastic and archæologist well versed in the art of describing a church. This want was all the more felt since the history of the first church visited was admirably unfolded by its Vicar; while at all other places the members had to find out the chief points of interest for themselves in the very limited time allotted for inspection.

Spalding.

Those who had been able to arrive in time, assembled in the parish church, on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, where they found the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Edward Moore, awaiting to offer them the result of his long and accurate study of the building. This large church, not so beautiful either in its proportions or in detail as others visited next day, owes its chief architectural interest to the many additions and alterations made in it at various dates, which were ingeniously pointed out by Mr. Moore. The building now consists of these parts; nave, with double aisles, and north and south porches, tower and spire at the west end of the outer south aisle, transepts with aisles east and west, chancel with organ chamber on the north side; parallel to the chancel on the south side is a semi-detached chapel, communicating with the south transept by a doorway, and with the chancel by a covered passage. The church was begun in about 1284, and still contains portions built at that time, for instance, the nave arcades, the small round clerestory windows in the transepts and the main part of the tower; the upper story of the latter, the arcades in the transepts, the south side of the chancel are specimens of work carried out in about the middle of the following century. Early in the fifteenth century the tower was supplied with its spire, the outer chapel was thrown out of the south transept, the north porch and aisle were built, and the clerestory raised over the nave, including a window in the east wall over the chancel arch. Mr. Moore pointed out how at that time, in order to give height to the nave, the Early English pillars were raised five courses, the ancient capitals being put on again, and the same arches rebuilt. Another alteration made late in the fifteenth century in the north aisle was also described by the Vicar. Here the aisle was extended northwards into a double aisle, the outer wall being built in a line with the end of the transept and the north porch; two of the early fifteenth century windows were again placed in the north wall, while the third, formerly in the west wall of the transept, was then put into the opposite side of the same. These windows, together with the north porch, with its chamber above, are the best and most pleasing pieces of work in the church. The former, which are all alike, are particularly good; their jambs are formed with small clustered shafts, the tracery being bold and deep, and made up of many members. It only remains to be said that this church has been gradually restored in recent years. The fifteenth century roofs over the nave and transepts have been well repaired, new tracery being placed in the large west window, and the organ chamber built. New roofs over other portions of the building, the covered way to the chapel, together with much internal work, are additions made under the careful oversight of the present Vicar.

Pinchbeck.

Starting early from Spalding in carriages on Wednesday, the members arrived first at Pinchbeck. Here they found a fine church, consisting of a tower at the west end, nave with north and south aisles and south porch, chancel and large Lady chapel, the latter formed by the north aisle being extended eastwards as far as the east end of the chancel. Upon entering the church, its earliest portion is seen to be the lofty nave arcade, built originally in the thirteenth century, but raised in height two centuries later, when the present clerestory was added, and the church almost entirely rebuilt. With the exception of the chancel, in which are some late fourteenth century windows, the whole shell of the church is a beautiful specimen of early fifteenth century work, the ashlar tower being particularly perfect and fine. In one of the niches by the door to the latter may be seen a possible trace of one of the founders, in two talbots chained supporting the canopy. Another possible founder is commemorated by an altar-tomb, with canopied niches round the sides and ends containing coats of arms, placed against the east wall of the south aisle; upon the slab on the top were formerly two brass shields and an inscription in brass, now gone. According to Gervase Holles, this is the tomb of one of the Pinchbeck family, whose arms are, Argent on a bend Sable a bezant. Another memorial of great interest is a brass plate fixed to the north wall of the Lady chapel, to Margaret, daughter of Emory Carr, and the wife of John Lambert, on which, in addition to the lady's effigy kneeling and an inscription in Latin, is an heraldic pedigree, drawn up by means of shields in three rows, tracing the descent of the Lamberts from William the Conqueror, whose arms impaling Queen Maud's occupy the first shield. In the lower part of the plate is a large separate shield, on which are the Lambert quarterings impaling those of Carr; there are 16 of the former, 1 and 16 being Gules a chevron Argent, a chief checky Or and Azure, *Lambert* of Lincolnshire: the wife's quarterings are 15 in number, the first being Gules on a chevron Or three estoiles Sable, *Carr*. Above this shield are the crests of Lambert and Carr. Margaret Lambert died in 1608, aged 84; her effigy wears the dress of that time. At the west end of this church is a very fine fifteenth century font; the original roof of that date still exists over the north aisle, and in this aisle may also be found on the outside the fifteenth century oak door; in the inside the doorway is seen to be built up with stone.

Surfleet.

This church, small in comparison to others visited to-day has a tower and spire at the west end, a nave with aisles and south porch, and a short chancel. The main part of the porch, of

thirteenth century date, is apparently the only portion of the church in existence here at that time; the tower was built a hundred years later; and all the rest of the church in the fifteenth century. A distinguishing mark about this building is the settlement westwards of its tower, begun perhaps as soon as the later nave, arcade, and clerestory were built against it, and helped on by a weak foundation; roughly speaking, its west side is fourteen inches lower in the ground than that on the east; what with the settlement and the gradual rising up of the churchyard, quite half of the doorway in the tower is buried. Owing to the danger of settlement heavy buttresses have been built up both sides of the two western pillars in the nave. Here is a font very similar to the one of Pinchbeck, a gallery and high pews. The chancel in its present state is so meagre that one cannot help thinking that it must at some former time have been shortened. On its north side, by the altar, is a cross-legged effigy, which commemorates according to Gervase Holles, one of the Cressys of Cressy Hall close by; in his time (1640) the arms of Cressy were still visible on the breast, Argent a lion rampant double queued Sable; the feet of this effigy project into the east wall, in which is a little niche with a groined roof for their reception; made perhaps when the chancel was shortened in order to avoid the necessity of moving the monument from its proper place.

Gosberton.

A beautiful cruciform church, with central tower and spire, nave with aisles, and south porch, transepts and chancel with aisle formerly a chapel on the south side. The earliest work, of fourteenth century date, is to be seen in the wall of the north aisle, the tower and older part of the chancel; the remaining part of this large church was built in the century following. Looking for the most striking features of this church, one notices the range of eight clerestory windows on either side of the nave, the lofty perpendicular windows in the ends of the transepts, and the graceful tower and spire, forming the centre of a charming outline. The junction of the tower and spire, a point where failure may be often marked, is well effected here, the one running gradually into the other without any abrupt distinction; a pleasing result gained partly with the help of the pinnacles and their light flying buttresses. Beneath a canopy, under the great south window of the south transept, is a cross-legged effigy said by Holles to represent one of the Bolle family; in the spandrels of the canopy are figures of two angels with censers; under the east wall is the effigy of a lady, and in the same transept a piscina and aumbry mark the site of a former altar. In the arch leading from this transept eastwards to the chapel is the fragment of an ancient oak

screen. Much of the chancel is modern, and is undoubtedly very preferable to what it was some thirty years ago; but the east window does not contrast very favourably with the ancient ones, neither do the modern roofs throughout the church appear quite worthy of the rest of the building. The chalice with its cover paten are worthy of notice; round the straight-sided bowl of the former stamped only with the maker's mark, is this inscription, "John Calverley Edmund Angel Thomas Pell Churchwardens of Gosberton Añ Dñi 1619." The cover, which has no marks at all, shows evident signs of having been at one time a pre-reformation paten; inside are traces of a sexfoil depression with engraved spandrels; this piece beaten into a different shape and receiving the additions of a rim and foot has been made to serve the more modern use of a cover paten.

Sutterton.

Here is to be seen another cruciform church, containing however considerably older portions than the last church visited. This church has a central tower and spire, nave with aisle and south porch, transepts with aisles and chancel. It contains specimens of architecture of many different dates. Portions of a former Norman church are to be seen in the good north and south doorways richly ornamented, and in the pillars with their carved capitals in the nave. An extensive rebuilding of the church evidently took place in the thirteenth century when the Norman pillars of the nave seem to have been raised, and pointed arches placed upon them, in which some of the Norman work was used up again, notably in the west arch under the tower, and in the centre arch of the north arcade. At this time the transepts and chancel were rebuilt; in the latter on either side, are four plain lancet windows supported by shafts and arranged in couples; similar windows form the clerestory on both sides of the north transept. In the fourteenth century the church was again considerably altered; the walls of both aisles were then rebuilt, the Norman doorways being preserved; fine large windows were placed in the west end of the nave and in the end of the north transept; the tower is also of this date; the spire being a later addition, together with some perpendicular work in the south transept. In actually modern times a good deal has been done here in the way of restoration; the east end of the chancel, the roof, much of the south transept and aisle are new, as is also the imitation Norman porch, elaborate but not altogether successful. On the floor of the east aisle to the south transept, are placed side by side three effigies, one representing a priest vested holding a chalice, a tree springing out on either side of the feet, the next a lady, the third a layman. In this parish, in the fifteenth century, lived Edmund Cranmer,

owner of the manor of that name, and great-grandfather of the Archbishop.

Algarkirke.

The beauty of this church is enhanced by its situation in the midst of sloping lawns and fine grown trees, with their tall limbs and twisted branches, which seem to have been made to match the mullions and tracery of the many lofty windows of the church. Upon walking round, this is also seen to be a cruciform building, with central tower capped with a short lead spire, nave with aisles and south porch, transepts and chancel. Upon entering, early thirteenth century work is noticed in the nave arcades, in those of the tower, and also the aisles of the transepts now blocked up.

At the end of the fourteenth century, much of the outer walls were rebuilt, and five windows of that date put in. Before this, however, in the earlier part of that century, the chancel had been renewed, of which the two sides still remain; the east end is modern. Looking up, a beautiful set of clerestory windows placed close together attracts the attention of all; these windows were built as late as the year 1492, by Nicholas Robertson of this place and Isabella his wife; as we learn from Gervase Holles, who records an inscription, no longer here, to that effect.* In the floor under the tower, is a slab bearing in brass a figure of a man between his first and second wives, above is a small representation of the Virgin and Child.

The name of the late Rector, Prebendary Basil Beridge, will long be connected with this church, owing to the good state of repair in which he put the whole building, and to the decoration with which he adorned the chancel.

Holbeach.

Turning south, a visit was made to this large and beautiful church, looking as if it might have sprung up out of the ground like a mushroom, in one night, in the end of the fourteenth century. It consists of a tower and spire at the west end, a nave with aisles, north and south porches, and short wide chancel. The latter shows traces of having been built slightly before the rest of the present church, while the tower and spire seem to have been erected last. This building, from an archæological point of view, loses no doubt some interest by its uniformity, but at the same time its grand proportions are most striking, especially those of the nave and aisles. In the former are seven lofty bays, with two tall clerestory windows above each arch; the aisles are pierced with five large flamboyant windows, with deep bold mouldings.

* See *Churches in the division of Holland co. Lincoln*, p. 14, by S. Lewin, 1843.

The oak roofs are good modern work, but with timbers not quite strong enough. At the west end of the north aisle is a fine altar-tomb to a possible founder, Sir Humphrey Littlebury, with his effigy on the top, the head resting on a tilting helm surmounted by his crest, a man's head enclosed in a net. Upon each side of the tomb are four deeply recessed canopied niches, within each of which is a shield bearing, Argent two lions passant Gules, *Littlebury*, impaling, Gules three bars Ermine, *Kirton*. The north porch, a wide gateway flanked by large embattled turrets, has every appearance of having been brought at some time from some neighbouring castle. Before leaving this spacious church, notice should be taken of the Norman pillar bases, which are to be seen in the foundations of some of the present pillars, through trap doors left for that purpose in the modern boarded floor.

Fleet.

The best and most interesting portion of this church is its detached tower and spire, standing at the south-west angle of the south aisle. The body of the church consists of a nave with aisles and south porch, and a chancel. The tower is a lofty and substantial piece of fourteenth century work, with a large angular staircase turret, adding much to the character of the building; the spire is rather short and perfectly plain, without crockets, its sides being simply pierced with small quatrefoil openings. Entering the nave lofty late thirteenth century arcades are seen, which may perhaps have been raised in the following century, with the intention of their being surmounted with clerestories, not now in existence if ever erected. In the west end, and also in the chancel, are some good fourteenth century windows; the east window and several others which had lost their tracery were refilled, not very successfully, in recent years. A noticeable feature on each side of the chancel is an arcade of two bays; both are filled in with stone, a window being placed in the middle of each bay. Looking outside, it does not appear that side chapels were ever actually built out of the chancel; the arcades seem to point to an unfulfilled desire in that direction.

Gedney.

This is certainly one of the grandest of the many fine churches visited on this day. It has a tall tower, capped with a short lead spire, a nave with aisles and south porch, and a chancel. Traces of an early thirteenth century church are at once seen in the lower part of the tower with its arcaded walls; and perhaps the nave pillars of that date still exist in the present lofty nave arcade; the ridge of the roof of that church is still to be seen in the tower. Above that ridge the tower was raised one story at the end of the

thirteenth century. In the next century was built the lower part of the church as it now is, *viz.*, the nave arcades, the aisles, and the chancel; in the latter are lofty decorated windows, the aisle walls being pierced with windows in the same style. The next and most imposing addition to the church was made in the fifteenth century. It was then that the beautiful clerestory windows, twelve on each side, were placed over the nave. These windows, each of three lights, form the grandest clerestory range in any church in this district. At the same time the tower received its upper story, and a spire was commenced, which, however, never rose beyond a few courses, now capped by the lead spire. The porch with its parvise was also built at that time; and the nave is still covered with the remains of the roof of that date. On the door of the south aisle is cut this inscription: "Pax XTI sit huic domui et omnibus habitantibus in ea. Hic requies nostra;" and on its lock is this inscription, for a correct copy of which I am indebted to the MS. notes of the Rev. W. D. Sweeting: *

"BA WARE BE FORE
AVYSETH
IOHANNES PETT."

Which reads in modern language thus: "Beware before John Pett adviseth." Specimens of modern work are to be seen in an oak screen at the entrance to the chancel, and in a bad reredos and sedilia, put up a few years ago. The "three decker" pulpit, with its sounding board, made of oak in the last century, is worth keeping. In the south aisle near the east end is a marble monument to Adlard Welby, of Gedney, who died in 1570, and to his wife Cassandra, daughter of William Apryce, of co. Hunts, who died in 1590.

Sutton.

Here is a church having a nave with aisles and north and south porches, a chancel, and a tower and spire detached from the body of the church standing at the south-west angle of the south aisle, in much the same position as the tower and spire of Spalding. Upon each side of the west door are seen buttresses of Norman date, and on entering the church a Norman arcade is seen on either side, with a clerestory range above, of the same date. The chancel, both aisles, and the porches are mostly fifteenth century work. The aisle walls which are continued eastward on both sides

* Author of *Historical and Architectural Notes of the Parish Churches in and around Peterborough.*

of the chancel are pierced with some fine windows of that date. But perhaps the most perfect and interesting part of the church is the thirteenth century tower and spire. The tower stands upon four arches, now filled up, above which is a story ornamented with a small arcade on each side, and then the upper belfry story. The spire is a tall octagonal one of wood covered with lead. Up each of the four angles of the tower are buttresses, ending in bold arcaded turrets, capped with tall lead pinnacles. A specimen of modern work, which is worthy of notice, may be seen at the east end of the chancel, in the reredos, a representation of the Last Supper; the design and execution of which excels much that is frequently seen in this important position.

Whaplode.

Working up towards home, the members arrived at this place, and found another most interesting church, consisting of a very long nave with aisles, north and south porches, a north transept, chancel and tower; the latter standing at the east angle of the south aisle. The oldest portion of the building is the eastern portion of the Norman nave: this part includes four bays on each side formed with short massive pillars supporting circular arches. In about the end of the twelfth century the nave was extended westward by the addition of the two bays on each side, which were built at a higher level than the more ancient ones, so that the floor at the west end of the nave is eight inches higher than the floor of the older part. These later bays correspond with the older ones, inasmuch as they have short thick pillars and circular aisles, but the details of their capitals and mouldings shew them to be perhaps one hundred years later in date. Of the same later date is the clerestory arcade of round-headed arches on both sides of the nave: in that on the north side are the original windows, one over each of the nave arches; on the south side the ancient clerestory lights have been enlarged into fifteenth century windows, which have, however, long ago lost all their tracery. The west end of the nave has a distinct early English character about it, the pointed arch being used in the deeply recessed, shafted, doorway, with a niche on either side; above this entrance is a large fifteenth century window, without its tracery, which is a loss similar to that which has fallen upon nearly every window in the church; the only two windows in the fifteenth century aisles which are complete are the western ones, in the side walls of each aisle. The chancel, much mutilated, still contains evidence of having been entirely rebuilt in the fourteenth century, in its east window filled with modern tracery, and in the arcade in its north wall now filled up, but leading formerly into a side chapel. Upon looking to the tower, built in four stages, it is seen to have been

begun early and finished late in the thirteenth century. It is of massive construction, and more pleasing perhaps when seen at a distance, for a near inspection shews the arcading over the three lower stages and the double windows above to be plain and feeble. At the west end of the south aisle is a large altar-tomb, in the Italian style, bearing the effigies of Sir Anthony Irby, Knt.,* and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Peyton, of Iselham, Knt. and Bart., over which is a canopy supported by ten pillars. From this Sir Anthony Irby is descended the present Lord Boston.

Moulton.

A very lofty tower and spire, standing at the west end, distinguishes this church from its neighbours. The body of the building consists of a nave with aisles and south porch, and a chancel. Here, as at Whaplode, are considerable portions of an early building. The pillars of the nave arcades are of late Norman date; their arches seem to have been taken down late in the thirteenth century, when the present ones were put up, and above them were placed at the same time the clerestory arcades. In the south clerestory fifteenth century windows have been inserted, as at Whaplode. In that century much of the church was rebuilt; both the aisles, the chancel, and the grand tower with its groined roof and crocketed spire, are of that date. Here again nearly all the windows in both aisles have lost their ancient tracery, mullions and all; this inner part having been probably taken out in former years to save the expense of repairs, and to simplify reglazing. Within the last twenty years these windows have been refilled with tracery rather too flat in detail, and also of rather too early a style. Under the chancel arch is the ancient oak screen, much mutilated; and at the west end of the nave are two tall Norman pillars, one on each side, running up between the two last arches almost as far as the clerestory. There is much doubt as to what these pillars formerly supported.

Weston.

On the way home a short pause was made at this charming little church, small in comparison to the others seen this day, but of great interest, owing to its very pleasing Early English design and details. It consists of a tower at the west end, a nave, aisles, south porch, transepts, and chancel. The porch, ornamented within with lancet arcades, is a foretaste of the beautiful thirteenth century work seen in the body of the church. A noticeable feature in the interior are the nave arcades, the round pillars of

* Sir Anthony Irby, Knt., died in 1610, aged 32. See R. E. Chester Waters' *The Chesters of Chicheley*, p. 222.

which are enclosed within four small shafts; lovely foliage adorns their capitals; above the pointed arches are narrow lancet clerestory windows. The chancel is in the same pleasing style; on either side of it are three lancet windows, three more being in the east end, above which is a cross fleury pierced. The transepts, aisles and tower are specimens of later work, being for the most part built in the fourteenth century. In this church may be noticed the same blemish that is to be seen in several churches visited during this excursion, an unsatisfactory renewal of tracery in some of the aisle windows.

After their inspection of this little gem, the members of the two Societies returned to Spalding, having thoroughly enjoyed a most successful excursion. If a suggestion, in addition to the one named already, with respect to a future meeting may be allowed, it may be said that on the whole it would be as well not to visit in one day quite so many churches. When so many churches of such great interest are near together, it is hard, perhaps, to refrain from extending the expedition, and including them all. Self-restraint, however, is required, if a careful examination of each church is to be made. While visiting the number seen on this excursion, only a cursory examination could be made of each building, the short time allowed for inspection entirely preventing an exhaustive study of every point of interest.

July 25th, 1887. Bi-monthly Meeting.

The Rev. W. R. Mangan in the chair.

It was resolved that the purchase of a print of the Roman Tesselated Pavement by Colonel Bellairs for the Society be approved.

Mr. S. Harding read some notes of the Society's Summer Excursion to Spalding and the neighbourhood.

August 29th, 1887. Evening Meeting.

Mr. J. W. Wartnaby in the chair.

Mr. Thomas Harrold, of Castle Street, Hinckley, was duly elected a member of the Society.

The following antiquities, &c., relating to the town of Hinckley, were exhibited by Mr. Thomas Harrold:

Seven old Roman silver coins, found July 7, 1871, near to the Railway Bridge, Harrow Farm, on the Ashby, Nuneaton, and Hinckley Branch Railway; and a small fragment of dark brown pottery. This spot will be marked on the Ordnance Map.

A shilling of Henry VIII., found on the Burbage foot-road, adjoining the ten acre or recreation ground, in laying it out for building land, in 1887. (A shilling of Queen Elizabeth, and several copper coins of the Georges, were also found.)

A silver coin, believed to be a sixpence of one of the Henry's, found near the same spot about thirty years since.

Three Nuremberg tokens found in Hinckley; and one found in Sharnford Church in 1846.

A £1 note of the Hinckley and Commercial Bank, dated 7th October 1825, Charles Jervis, countersigned by W. Raven, who was "a hunchback," and sold his body to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where his skeleton is still to be seen.

The old charter of Hinckley, beautifully illuminated, in an oak box, 2nd Nov. 1604; granted by Letters Patent to Sir Edward Howard Knight, Sir John Trevor, and others, by the direction and appointment of Charles, Earl of Nottingham, &c., under the Great Seal, the Seal of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and the Seal of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated at Westminster 21st May 2nd James I.

Three of the old Court Rolls of the Manor of Hinckley, one dated 1636; and an old book of accounts.

Piece of old floodgate, dug up in Castle Street.

Two old oak bosses, found under the gallery stairs in the north transept of the church, about 1847.

Two pieces of old molten or fused stained glass, found under the floor of the south transept of the church.

Stained glass (in seven pieces) from the old east (or chancel) window of the church, pronounced by Mr. M. H. Bloxam in 1864 to be the cognizances of John of Gaunt, "The Blazing Sun;" taken out in 1862. The late Wm. J. Gillett, Esq., was the architect, and I believe was seized with paralysis before the work was completed.

An old encaustic tile, found on the site of the new stables built for Sir John Hartopp, at Aston Flamville, 1868-9.

Old short sword, or "miserere," from Bosworth Field, found on Mr. Lea's Farm at Shenton, and given by him to my late father, between fifty and sixty years since.

Photographs of old half-timbered houses, (pulled down) on the site of the Independent or Congregational Chapel; the Borough; the corner of the Market Place and Station Road, now the Leicestershire Bank; and the Bond Street, now Ginn's Houses.

A Bill of the Hinckley Whitmonday Show Fair, May 28th, 1792.

Balance Sheet and List of Subscriptions for the support of the Hinckley Volunteer Infantry, 1803.

Old Hinckley Theatre Bill, 1808.

A leaf headed, "The Accompts of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Hinckley for raising 6 men for his Majesty's Navy, for the several parishes of Hinckley, Higham, Lindley, Aston Flamville, Wykin, Normanton and Bassett House, May 2, 1795." Then follow the names, "Expenses as set forth in Bounties, &c., £198 13s. 3½d., and "Receipts," which includes a ninepenny levy for Hinckley"; the remainder is mutilated.

The original appropriation sheets and minute book, when the Church was "repewed" &c., 1764.

Old "Comb teeth," used at the wool combing and carding mills.

The Banner or Standard of the Honour of Hinckley, party per pale indented, argent and gules.

Ordnance Survey plan, large scale, of "the Castle Hill," by the courtesy of Major J. C. Macpherson, Officer commanding, Bedford.

A curious MS. history of John Dann, born in 1772, and in the mutiny according to his story when Admiral Parker was hung at the yard arm; it relates how he became apprenticed at Hinckley to the Stocking-making, and subsequently returned, and died here.

Mr. Thomas Harrold then read the following paper on

OLD HINCKLEY.

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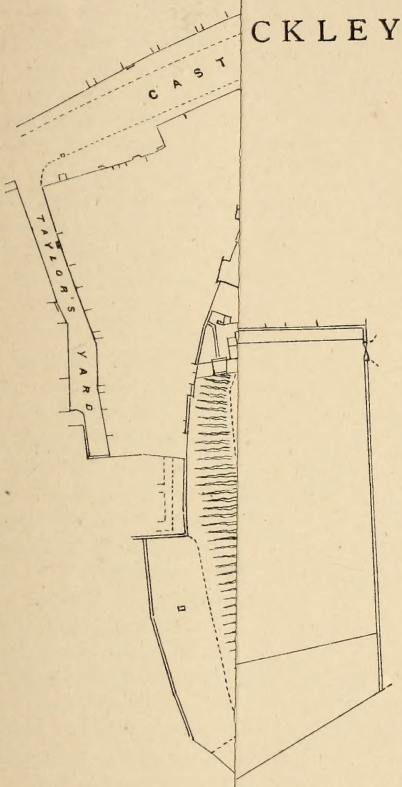

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A Bill of the Hinckley Whitmonday Show Fair, May 28th, 1792.

Balance Sheet and List of Subscriptions for the support of the Hinckley Volunteer Infantry, 1803.

Old Hinckley Theatre Bill, 1808.

A leaf headed, "The Accompts of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of Hinckley for raising 6 men for his Majesty's Navy, for the several parishes of Hinckley, Higham, Lindley, Aston Flamville, Wykin, Normanton and Bassett House, May 2, 1795." Then follow the names, "Expenses as set forth in Bounties, &c., £198 13s. 3½d., and "Receipts," which includes a ninepenny levy for Hinckley"; the remainder is mutilated.

The original appropriation sheets and minute book, when the Church was "repewed" &c., 1764.

Old "Comb teeth," used at the wool combing and carding mills.

The Banner or Standard of the Honour of Hinckley, party per pale indented, argent and gules.

Ordnance Survey plan, large scale, of "the Castle Hill," by the courtesy of Major J. C. Macpherson, Officer commanding, Bedford.

A curious MS. history of John Dann, born in 1772, and in the mutiny according to his story when Admiral Parker was hung at the yard arm; it relates how he became apprenticed at Hinckley to the Stocking-making, and subsequently returned, and died here.

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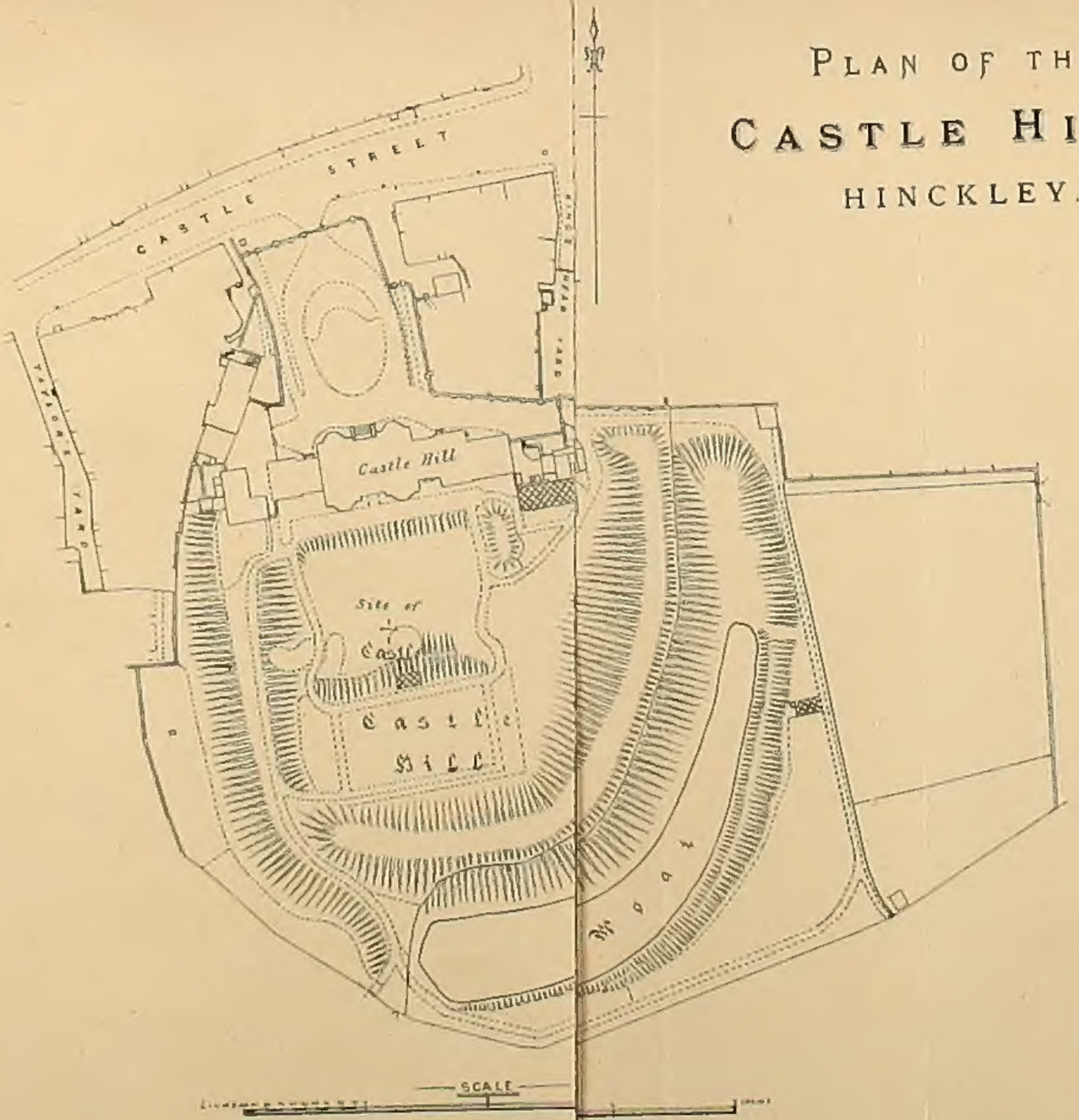

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half since, on the introduction of the stocking frame. As witness, the numerous farm yards in and about the town. There were large farm yards at the Manor House, now Mr. Foxwell's; the late Mr. Bonner's, now Mr. D. Payne's; three or four others beyond, and on the opposite side several more; also one where the Co-operative Stores now are, Well Lane,—all in Upper Bond Street; while in Castle Street, the bottom yard of our premises, the old paving of the farm yard still exists about eighteen inches below the surface. Just below, now Miss Moore's, the huge barn and other buildings were unroofed in a terrific storm about forty-five years since. In the Church Walk, opposite, there were several others; the old stuccoed house, now occupied by the Curate, was one, and the old half-timbered cottages were the farm buildings; and many others in different parts of the town, Upper Castle Street, New Buildings, Coventry Road, Lower Bond Street, The Borough, &c.

From the fact of Hinckley being in such close proximity to the Watling Street Road, and the numerous Roman coins found years ago in and around the neighbourhood, and again on July 7th, 1871, near the abutment of the bridge on the Harrow Farm,—the branch line from Hinckley to Stoke Golding, on the Ashby and Nuneaton Railway (opened but never since used), about eighteen inches below the surface a navvy struck with his pick a piece of dark-brown earthenware which turned out to be an old Roman vessel, containing a large quantity, probably several hundreds of silver coins, for which there was a regular scramble, many being afterwards disposed of for a quart of beer each. My brother got eight and a small fragment of the pottery from one of the men, for which he paid £1. Amongst the lot were coins bearing the names of Otho, Vespasian, Domitian, Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Marcus Aurelieus, Lucius Verus, &c., &c.,—proving beyond a doubt the presence of Romans hereabouts. The thought suggested itself, that the site of Hinckley Castle might have been a Roman encampment or station; if so, it is just possible the site of the old Castle at Earl Shilton was another, and that eminences like these were used for signalling by the fiery beacon, and afterwards selected as sites for castles and churches; and I think I am somewhat supported in this view by the fact that many of their stations or encampments were placed or situated at points immediately off the road itself, but in such close communication as to form effective watches. This is the case at Oldbury Hall, by Mancetter, and again, near High Cross. Hinckley, would thus be about midway between "Vennones," High Cross, and "Manduessedum," Mancetter. Hinckley Castle would be within two miles, across by Sketchley to "The Three Pots," or "The Harrow Inn," both on the "Watling Street," which is also the boundary of the parish for a considerable distance.

On the Name of the Town.

"He who calls departed ages back again into being," says Niebuhr, "enjoys a bliss like that of creating." The study of words does this; it recalls the past with all its associations, so that for a time it becomes a part of the present. It cannot be otherwise, for every word rests upon some *fact;* so that when we attempt to account for the meaning of a word, we only go back to the fact upon which it rests. There is one class of words which is very suggestive, we mean those *names* which have been attached for ages to places familiar to us from the days of our childhood, from our pleasure excursions, or from our course of reading. The thoughtful mind cannot remain long contented with names that convey no meaning with them; there is always the desire to retain them in the memory by some principle of association, and this leads to an enquiry concerning their origin and history, or when and why they were imposed. The study of place-names is one, then, of great interest to the historian and to the teacher. The signification of a single name throws much light upon the history of nations and their migrations. In point of fact, there is often more dependence to be placed upon words than upon history; for, says Halberstma, it pleases not the muse of history to speak but late, and then in a very confused manner; yet she often deceives; and before she comes to maturity she seldom distinctly tells the truth. Language never deceives, but speaks more distinctly, though removed to a higher antiquity. It is a well-known fact that many of the names of places in England are also common to Germany. Verstegan in his scarce work, printed in 1605, very plainly alludes to it. "Thus the Saxons," he says, "who at first came unto the aid of the Britons, became about two hundred years after to be the possessors and sharers of the best part of the Isle of Britain among themselves. And as their language was altogether different from that of the Britons, so left they very few cities, towns, villages, passages, rivers, woods, fields, hills, or dales that they gave not new names unto, such as in their own language were intelligible, and either given by reason of the situation or nature of the place, in some sort like unto it in Germany, from whence they came; and a great number of places in our country, that yet retain the names of places in Germany and the Netherlands (albeit the ancient orthography may in some of them be a little varied), as here to be reckoned up would be tedious." The names of places in England, and among the Teutonic tribes generally, are composed of two parts. The first member is a *descriptive* word referring to some particular historical circumstance, to personages, to animals, vegetables, or minerals; or it may be merely an adjective. The second member designates, by some *general* and appropriate term, either the natural features of

the country, settlement, or neighbourhood to be described—as hill, mountain, river, &c.—or some artificial constructions, as town, borough, field, &c.*

Mearc in Anglo-Saxon implies a woodland district, meadow land; Scandinavian, a wood—Mercia; and Hinckley was in Mercia.

The derivation of the name of the town, with its various ways of spelling, is somewhat involved; for we find Hinchelie in Domesday Book, 1086; later Hinkele, Hynkele, Hynkeley; and in thirteenth century deeds connected with the abbey, priors and manor, occur Hincle, Hinkel, Hinghel, Hynkel, &c. Nichols, however, gives it in a note: "The word is most probably derived from *Hinck*, some Saxon proprietor, and *ley*, a field." This would give us Hinckley as now spelt. It is rather a singular coincidence that a man named William Hincks now occupies the "Thorney Crafts!"

In considering the subject of "Old Hinckley," the main idea naturally centres in and around the old *Castle* and *the Barons of Hinckley*,† of whom Nichols gives the following account:

"The most considerable landholder in the county appears to have been Sir Hugh de Grentemaisnel (the second son of a potent Norman Baron), who came over in the train of the Conqueror in 1066, and so valiantly behaved himself, that the King not only rewarded him with many lordships in various counties, but in two years after constituted him one of the assistants to Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, and William Fitz-Osborn, in the administration of justice throughout the whole kingdom; made him Governor of Hampshire in 1069; and upon the settling of such garrisons as were thought fit to keep the subdued English in awe, he had Leicester committed to his charge, being also made Sheriff of the county; and besides these great trusts, the King richly married him to Adeliza, a great inheritrix of a noble family, and at the solemnization thereof bestowed on him the honourable office of Lord High Steward of England (or Viceroy, for so the word signifies in the Saxon), the first great officer of the Crown, and then for the first time made hereditary in the family of Grentemaisnel. Either as part of the dower of his lady, or perhaps by the fortune of the field, or even by exchange or purchase (for it appears by Domesday that he had then been lately a purchaser), he added the *honor* or *barony* of *Hinckley* to his other large possessions. . . . . With a liberality proportionate to his more than princely fortune, he erected a stately castle, laid out a beautiful park, and caused the parish church to be built, the appropriation of which he granted to the Abbey of Lira in Normandy; for whom he also founded an alien priory, or rather a cell, of two Benedictine monks, and erected a large and convenient house for their recep-

* From *Etymology of Local Names*, by R. Morris. † See Appendix A, *post*.

tion, on the scite where the present hall-house was afterwards built."

Burton in 1622 says,—"The town yet is of good receipt, wherein (not many years since) the general Assizes for the whole county were kept." Nichols mentions that "The Town Gaol was situated on the spot now called the Round Hill, which is that surrounding the present Market House,"—at that time, according to the old plan, the end of the Borough nearest the present Town Hall, which probably disappeared at the time the Town Hall and adjacant buildings were burnt.

"The old gallows stood near the gravel pit at the end of the town leading to Derby, and in that spot, on enclosing the open field many human bones were found in a state of petrifaction." Immediately adjoining this spot, the then fence being the boundary, about 1848, my father bought the two small fields with a view of getting gravel, and on digging there a lot of human bones and a portion of a skull were found, also a shilling of Queen Elizabeth in good preservation. The boundary of the Park can still be traced from the Burbage Road to near the Railway Station, and as Nichols mentions "the Thorney Crafts," still known by that name, "East Woods," "Out Woods," and "Stocken," the probability is it extended to what is now known as the "Park Farm," where a similar bank may be seen through several fields adjoining the Burbach or Burbage Wood.

"Hinckley Castle is traditionally said to have been inhabited by John of Gaunt, fourth son of King Edward III., and heir to the honours and estates of the Earls of Leicester. The Lordship, as has been already shown, was undoubtedly his. From him it descended to Henry of Bolingbroke (afterwards King Henry the Fourth), by whose accession to the throne it passed, with the Duchy of Lancaster, into the possession of the Crown. When it was alienated, or how long the castle has been demolished, it is not with certainty known. If the history of its demolition conld be traced it would most probably appear to have been plundered by the victorious Yorkists, either in the reign of Henry VI., about the year 1460, the date of the battle of Northampton, or between that period and 1485, when by the death of Richard III. the civil contentions were closed."

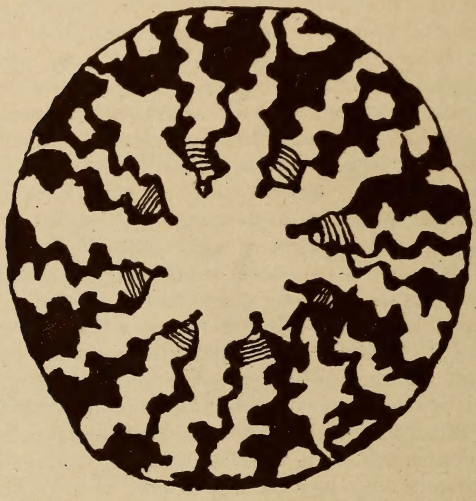
Leland, the earliest recorder of English Topography, who wrote in the time of Henry the Eighth, says:—"The ruines of the Castelle of Hinkeley, now longging to the King, sumtyme to the Erle of Leircester, be a V* myles from Leircester, and in the borders of Leircester forest, and the boundes of Hinkeley be spatius and famose ther." †

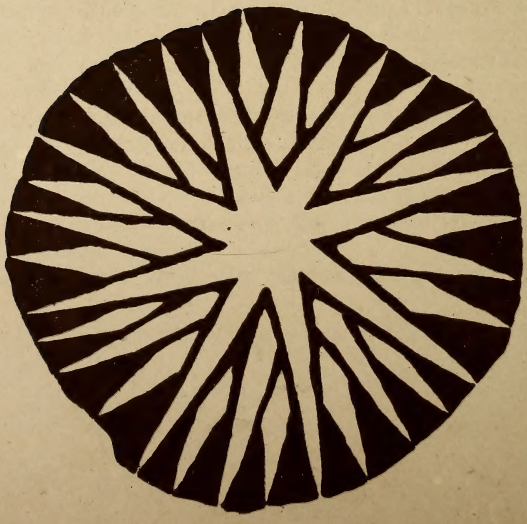
In Burton's time, 1622, the castle was "utterly ruinated and

* Now fully xiii. miles. † Leland's *Itin.* i., 24.

COGNIZANCES OF JOHN OF GAUNT.

FROM GLASS IN HINCKLEY CHURCH.





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gone, and only the mounts, rampires, and trenches were to be seen, and the fair and large park was then disparked."

"The Church was supposed to have been built about the reign of Edward III.;" and it has been surmised that during a subsequent rebuilding the castle became to some extent a quarry after its demolition. The only objects which present themselves now are the earthwork or mount and a portion of the old moat. By the aid of the Ordnance Map to the large scale we are enabled to compare it with similar strongholds. The moat doubtless extended round through the buildings of the King's Head and other houses, and it is more than probable that a floodgate existed on this side, for about one hundred years since in some excavations in the Castle Street a piece of black oak was found, said to have been part of this floodgate. The small pieee exhibited was obtained from old Critchlow's Museum, Church Walk, about forty-five years since. That there are traces of the old foundations, below the present level, and numerous other objects hidden from our view, which, if they could not speak, would enable us to render a pretty accurate account of their date, I for one have not the slightest doubt.

Although I believe authentic accounts by Burton, Nichols, and recent modern authorities, have placed John of Gaunt's Head Quarters at Leicester Castle, and credited him with another at Earl Shilton, there is every reason to suppose he also visited his Hinckley stronghold. For, on the occasion of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society holding their meeting here, in July 1864, Mr. M. H. Bloxam came up to our place, to look at some old carving, when I showed him some fragmentary stained glass, formerly in the old east window of the parish church. On picking up one piece he at once exclaimed, "Why this is the cognizance of John of Gaunt, unmistakable evidence of his connection with Hinckley." There were several of them, and he begged to be allowed to take one.

This old east window, every light, as also the tracery, being filled with fine, old, richly coloured, fragmentary stained glass, was taken out in 1862—(and replaced by a new tawdry window)*—the whole disappearing, with the exception of one light, and several portions of the tracery, which had been taken care of by the old sexton Tom Paul (mentioned hereafter), who brought them to me; he said he believed the men sold some of it for beer, and one of the Churchwardens had some to put on a grotto! In vain did I try to discover the fate of it.

Nichols mentions, "The King's Arms (painted during the reign of Charles the Second) are preserved in the south aisle." Also "A small, neat font, of marble, cut out of a slab which had been

* I believe this went to Woodhouse Eaves—on the present window (*i.e.* the stained glass)—being put in to the memory of the late Wm. Sills, Esq.

part of an old monument, was erected in 1766, instead of the old one then demolished. The font cost £3, and the marble bason to it in 1770 one guinea." This painting, together with another well painted Royal Arms, of more recent date, probably one of the Georges, which hung over the chancel, have not been here since the so called "Restoration" of the last twelve or fifteen years; as also the old oak octagonal sounding board, beautifully inlaid, similar to the disc of a compass.

Now, this old stone font, instead of being demolished, found its way into a garden; whether it was a churchwarden's garden I don't know! It was, however, sold on the premises in Castle Street, then in the occupation of Mr. G. Felton, in April, 1839, previous to his departure, with the whole of his family, on the 24th of that month, for South Australia, and bought by the late Mr. B. Law for the Roman Catholic Chapel, where it now stands!!!

The large limestone slab formerly in the floor of the nave, with three brasses of the Hinckley monks, and inscription, has been removed to the centre of the tower floor; one brass only remains, and the inscription is past deciphering.

A most curious square-headed doorway existed, though walled up, at the west end of the south aisle, the window-cill forming the door-head, and the moulded jambs could be plainly seen. There were traces of a painting or fresco over the chancel arch, and the walls of the tower, towards the nave, were literally covered with creeds, and texts, &c. The illuminated capitals and lettering, quite equal to many of Pugin's published specimens. I offered to pay the Clerk of the Works for tracings of some of them, but they were all ruthlessly swept away.

In the north side of the chancel wall, about eighteen inches from the floor and three feet from the semi-pier or jamb, I saw in 1862, when the chancel underwent considerable repairs, a piece of old dog-tooth moulding which I then endeavoured to have removed and preserved, but without effect, and it was stuccoed over. When these other "Church Restorations" were effected and chancel aisles formed, it being necessary to remove this portion of the wall and one window on either side, and insert arches, I mentioned it to one of the Committee, and this old piece of moulding, about three feet in length, was found in the exact spot, in splendid preservation, and removed. I offered to purchase it, but what has become of it I cannot make out. I have since been told it was taken to the Vicarage garden and placed as an "edging," but neither the present nor previous Vicar, I am assured, have seen it.

In 1875 the late Mr. Thomas North wrote to me, asking for information respecting the Bells, and if any accounts were in existence relating thereto. By permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens I inspected the Parish Chests, but not a trace of any old

accounts, or documents, existed. The Award Sheets at the time of the Enclosure, and two musty old deeds of property, (long since disappeared,) alone occupied the Parish Chest. The Registers, in a fine state of preservation, were in another chest. There was a statement in the papers, after one of the Church Restoration Meetings, that "the old Account Book belonging to the Church had been rebound and presented to the then Vicar." I have repeatedly asked the Churchwardens, and the last and present Vicar, for a sight of it, without being able to obtain the slightest information of its whereabouts. I maintain that all these documents ought to be in the Parish Chest, and an effort made to regain the custody of them.

Most of the picturesque old half-timbered houses, some of them with six or seven gables, have disappeared, yet, there are some left, where the "wattle and daub" (*i.e.* wattles of hazel sticks, covered with mud and road scrapings) can still be seen. Numbers of houses, the fronts rebuilt with brick, have come under my notice, the division or party walls, still existing of timber framing and "wattle," plastered over.

It is recorded in Nichols, "that the fair was of no small note, may be inferred from the mention of it by Shakspeare, in the Second Part of *Henry IV.* where Justice Shallow is asked by his man Davy, whether he means "to stop any of Williams wages, about the sack he lost the other day at Hinckley Fair." Rann's Shakspeare, (Joseph Rann, A.M., Vicar of Holy Trinity in Coventry, Oxford MDCCLXXXIX,) Vol. iii. p. 672 gives it *Henley* Fair, but in every other edition of Shakespeare I have seen, it is *Hinckley* Fair.

There is one other note from Nichols worth mentioning,—"And here it may properly be remarked, Hinckley is celebrated for good ale," and by the following couplet, we may suppose that formerly it was no less famous,

> "Higham on the Hill, Stoke in the dale,
> Wykin for buttermilk, Hinckley for ale."

In proof of this, there were, until a few years ago, ten or twelve maltkilns in full work.

The moats, or "motts," originally the old fish stews, belonging to the Priory, by "the Old Hall," now part of the Vicarage grounds, have gradually disappeared, though they may still be partly traced. A portion near to the site of the Free Library, seventy or eighty years ago, was used for washing the coach horses. In a conversation with our much respected and venerable ex-sexton, old Tom Paul, (eighty-six years old,) he remembered the old "motts" well, and said, "in those days the Hinckley peal of bells was noted as being the finest and most musical for miles

round, on account of the water." I also obtained from him a very interesting piece of folk-lore, and which, as a lad I had often heard talked of, but never could understand before. It was enacted at "the Old Hall" before-mentioned. He said he had often heard his mother (who lived to a great age) relate, how a child had been flogged to death there, and she remembered hearing its cries, having resided near to, or adjoining the churchyard at the time, and this poor child's spirit haunted the place afterwards, and in order to "lay the spirit," I understood a certain number of ministers had to be got together in the room where the affair took place, a short religious ceremony was gone through, and they proceeded to "lay the spirit," by exorcising and enticing it into a bottle, securely corked, which was afterwards thrown into the "motts," and I perfectly well remember hearing lads say that at night these spirits could be heard buzzing or humming on the surface.

There was also another very similar story relating to Lash Hill and the pit there, on the foot road to Burbage. A well known character who attended the fairs, statutes, and dances, when returning to Burbage at night, invariably "fiddled himself" past this spot, to appease and charm the spirits there.

"The Guild Hall," mentioned frequently in the old Court Rolls, most probably adjoined the old Town Hall, when it was burnt down, and with it, I have heard it said, many of the old town documents and records.

"The King's Bakehouse," which was something more than a name in those days, inasmuch as all who resided within the property owned by the Duchy of Lancaster were compelled to bake there or pay a fine, was partly consumed; indeed it was thought the fire originated there. It is an old half-timbered house, and converted into an inn, now rejoicing in the name of "The Jolly Bacchus" (evidently a corruption of the term).

The old Grammar School stood on the site of the first, second and third Feoffment Houses, Upper Castle Street, an old half-timbered building, with moulded wood mullioned and transome windows, taken down in 1852. The premises at the back of Mr. Penton's warehouse, and the Free Library, were the old Fulling Mills; while the wool-combing, carding, and the spinning Jennies (another important fact of Hinckley having been considerably engaged in agricultural pursuits previous to the introduction of the stocking frame) were located on the premises now occupied by Billings and Co.

At the "Ivy Hall," as it was then called, back of "Rolls Court," or the "Old Workhouse," were fellmongers' pits. Immediately at the bottom of the "Jetty," leading from there to the left, was "The soft ground," and the building, now a cottage, was "The Old Round House," or lock-up, the narrow yard in front

covered with stout iron grating; and a wretched damp den it was. In connection with this place, I have heard Mr. Wm. Woodward speak of an escape of two prisoners, one Sunday afternoon. Old John Pearson was the constable. They got away down the Holy Croft, and through the exertion Pearson was taken ill, and died shortly after, "having melted his fat."

Next "The Round House" was part of the old workhouse, and the rooms where the maniacs were confined; large staples were fixed to the walls, to which I was told their arms and legs were fastened. These I well remember with a shudder, which came again and again on reading that thrilling story of Charles Reade's, "Hard Cash."

During the Peninsular and earlier Wars, it has been said Hinckley perhaps contributed more soldiers than any other place in England, for the size of the town, entailing some very curious facts. The master-men stocking makers, having a shop of frames, would take apprentices from the neighbouring villages, ill-using them in order to get them to enlist, and thus obtained part, if not all, of the bounty. Some of the masters' names are well remembered to this day.

In the early part of this century, Hinckley might have favourably compared with Leamington, Cheltenham, or elsewhere, as regards its walks and its timber. "The Grove," especially, with its fir trees and seats, "Lovers' Walk," and "Melancholy Lane;" and even as late as the celebrated Dr. Chessher's time, "The Lawns" and the "Ten Acre" were very ornamentally laid out. Every one of the numerous approaches to the town have been ruthlessly and wantonly disfigured; and I am quite sure I am within bounds in stating that, during the last generation, upwards of 4000 or 5000 trees have been cut down in all directions.

With reference to the beautifully illuminated old charter, on two large sheets of parchment, and three large seals attached, 2 James I., May 21st, 1604, the Court Baron, or Court Leet, and the old Court Rolls, it has been impossible for me to go through them. What with the quaint old customs, usages, appointments, and the constitution of the juries, the duties appertaining thereto, the fines, and everything relating to it, they might almost form a subject for a future paper, and well worth consideration, as bearing on the modern style of doing things by the aid and assistance (?) of a Local Board.

I might add that I was the last High Bailiff appointed, in 1869 (after the decease of the late Mr. John Blakesley), at the last "Court Baron" that was held.

In conclusion, I know of no other taste or pursuit at once so fascinating, and affording such genuine satisfaction, as the study of archæology and antiquarian matters; for as we read and observe, we learn bit by bit of the past, and little by little of the minds of

those gone before, and if we can grasp it, we find there were giants in those days, giants in more senses than one, as pioneers of civilization; and the "Dark Ages," so called, thus become the lights of other days. For the magnificent remains of castles, halls, and ecclesiastical buildings, with which this country is so richly studded, point to one great fact—there were no "Jerry Builders," or so-called "Contractors," in those days. Heart, soul, spirit, body and mind, are all to be seen, felt and understood in the contemplation of these wonderful fabrics; in plan, in construction, in details, symbolism and carvings quaint and original, delicate yet robust, in stone, in wood, and in smith's work, showing in the manipulation an individuality existed to excel, which this nineteenth century utilitarian age would look for in vain. And I sincerely hope the consideration of this paper (with all its faults and omissions) may serve to inculcate an ardent desire in the minds of those present, and all who venerate what is loyal and truthful, and everything worth preserving in this life and generation for other time than the present, that they will revere, protect and preserve in every instance, all our old buildings, charities, customs and privileges, and hand them down to posterity intact.

That a great storehouse exists in the Chapter House at Westminster, the Public Record Office, and the Duchy of Lancaster, there cannot be the slightest doubt; and much, very much more, than we have any idea of at present remains to be unearthed, figuratively speaking.

If I am unable to do anything further, (the one thing required is research, which means time and leisure,) or whatever I may be permitted to effect, I still hope to be spared to leave some traces whereby a record shall be preserved, to indicate to some future, rising, energetic archæologist and antiquary, sufficient groundwork that may afford or enable him to take up the story in the same spirit, and I trust with the same desire. And may Old Hinckley hold its own and prosper, never forgetting its duty to the Crown, as Barons of Hinckley and as Hereditary Lord High Steward of England.

APPENDIX A.

THE BARONS OF HINCKLEY.

ARMS *of the Standard of the Honor of Hinckley:—Party per pale indented, argent and gules.*

FROM the time of the Conquest, the Barons of Hinckley held the high and important office of Hereditary High Steward of England, the duties of which office are thus described in *The Manual of Rank and Nobility, or Key to the Peerage:—*

"The Lord High Steward of England, was anciently the first great officer of the Crown, and as it were the King's Lieutenant; whose

power was so great and exorbitant, that after it came into the hands of the Crown by the elevation of Henry of Bolingbroke, Duke of Lancaster, to the Throne, it was not thought proper to trust it in the person of a subject, and therefore from that time there has been no Lord High Steward made, but only to officiate, *pro tempore*, either at a Coronation or for the arraignment of a Peer or Peeress for a capital crime: and at the procession on the Coronation day, he marches immediately before the King, bearing in his hand St. Edward's Crown.

"This great office was at first hereditary, and holden with the Manor of Hinckley in the County of Leicester, by the family of Grentemaisnel; from which by the marriage of Petronelle daughter of Hugh de Grentemaisnel with Robert de Blanchmaines Earl of Leicester, he in her right, enjoyed the honor of Hinckley and Stewardship of England, from which Robert by the marriage of Amicitia his daughter and co-heiress, and co-heiress also to her brother, Robert Fitz-Parnell, Earl of Leicester, with Simon de Montfort, the said honor, office, and Earldom of Leicester devolved upon him in her right, but he becoming disobedient to King John had not only the Earldom of Leicester, honor of Hinckley, and Stewardship of England taken from him, but was banished the Kingdom. On his death however his son Simon coming into this realm was graciously received by Henry III. and had the Earldom and office of Steward restored to him, in virtue of which at the Solemn Nuptials of the said King, he held the basin wherein the King washed. Yet notwithstanding all the favours he had received from the royal hand, he became a rebel and was the chief ringleader and general of the confederate Barons at the Battle of Lewes; but was at length slain in the decisive engagement at Evesham, which put an end to the Baron's power, and his honors and inheritances remained forfeited to the King, who by Letters patent 25 Oct., in the 49 year of the reign of Henry III. A.D. 1265, conferred the inheritance of the Earldom of Leicester as also the honor of Hinckley and Stewardship of England upon Edmund his younger Son: in whose line the same continued untill the death of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Leicester, Derby and Lincoln: his grandson, whose daughter and at length sole heiress, Blanche, marrying John of Ghent or Gaunt fourth Son of King Edward III. conveyed those honors to him, which, with the whole inheritance, devolved upon his Son Henry of Bolingbroke, afterwards King Henry IV. and thus this high office became at last, finally, merged in the Crown, and was never afterwards granted out, but on such occasions as were before mentioned."

HIGH STEWARDS OF ENGLAND, FROM THE CONQUEST TO THE PERIOD WHEN THE OFFICE MERGED INTO THE CROWN.

1. Hugh de Grentemaisnel, Baron of Hinckley.
2. Yvo de Grentemaisnel, Baron of Hinckley.
3. Hugh de Grentemaisnel, Baron of Hinckley.
4. Robert de Bellomont, Earl of Leicester, and Lord of Hinckley.
5. Robert Fitz-Parnel, Earl of Leicester, and Lord of Hinckley.
6. Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, and Lord of Hinckley.
7. Simon de Montfort, Junr., Earl of Leicester, and Lord of Hinckley.

8. Edward Crouchbacke, Earl of Lancaster, Leicester, and Derby, and Lord of Hinckley.

9. Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, Leicester, and Derby, and Lord of Hinckley.

10. Henry, Earl of Lancaster, Leicester, and Derby, and Lord of Hinckley.

11. Henry, Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Leicester and Derby, and Lord of Hinckley.

12. William, of Bavaria, Earl of Leicester and Derby, and Lord of Hinckley.

13. John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Leicester, Lincoln, and Derby, Constable of France, and Lord of Hinckley.

14. Henry, Duke of Lancaster, &c., and Lord of Hinckley, afterwards King Henry IV.

15. King Henry V.

From this period the Kings of England, as successive Lords of Hinckley, have granted the important office of Lord High Steward to particular nobleman only *pro hac vice.*

September 26th, 1887.—Bi-monthly Meeting.

Mr. J. W. Wartnaby in the chair.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited.

By the Rev. C. H. Wood: Two small silver Roman coins of Faustina de Verva, and two bronze coins, the latter much defaced.

By Mr. S. Knight: A Leicester Token.

Obverse; James Lee in . . . . *Mercers' Arms.*

Reverse: Leicester 1656. . . . . L. / I.A.

See *Transactions*, i. 15.

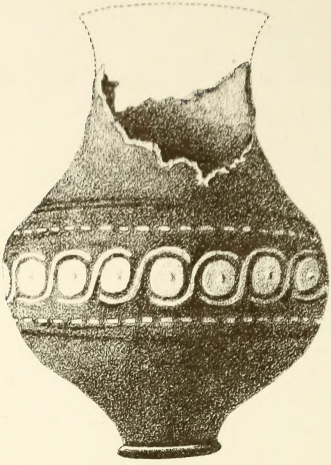
By Mr. W. J. Freer: Two silver Sacramental spoons of the sixteenth and seventeenth century, and another engraved spoon of the latter date. An old silver filagree ring. Two silver coins, which had been gilded and used as ornaments,—the one a coin of Stanislas, King of Poland, who died in 1601; and the other a large silver coin of Christian IV. of Denmark, date 1642—both in good preservation. All from Norway.

The Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher contributed a Paper (which was read for him by Mr. W. J. Freer) on

ROBERT DE STRETTON, BISHOP OF COVENTRY AND LICHFIELD, 1360-1385.

This has been printed in the *Associated Architectural Societies' Reports and Papers*, Vol. xix., 1887.

Bronze Fibula,
2½ in.

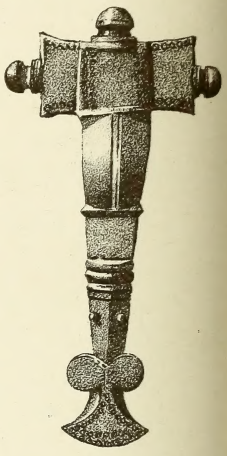


Vase or Drinking Cup, Castor Ware,
5 in. × 3½ in.

Bronze Gilt Fibula, white Enamel Centre, with rings of Glass inlaid, two small Glass eyes in lower part, 1¾ in.

ROMAN and SAXON POTTERY and FIBULA, found in a field adjoining the Ancient FOSS WAY at West Cotes, near LEICESTER

Bronze Armlet,
1½ in. diam.



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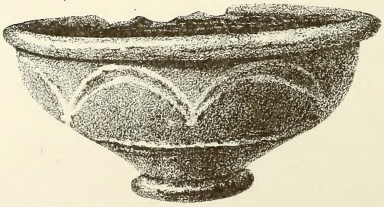
5 in.



Small Vase, Castor Ware,
4½ in. × 2¼ in.

G. C. BELLAIRS, *delt.*

October 31*st*, 1887.—Evening Meeting.

No Meeting was held, there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum.

November 28*th*, 1887.—Bi-monthly Meeting.

Mr. W. J. Wartnaby in the chair.

Mr. John Dennis Paul, of Regent Street, Leicester, was elected a Member of the Society.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By the Chairman: Two silver salt-cellars, date 1717.

By Mr. W. J. Freer: A Jubilee silver medal of the Queen.

By the Rev. A. M. Rendell: A spur found in Coston Churchyard in 1885 or 1886.

By Colonel Bellairs, for The Rev. Joseph Harris: Roman and Saxon remains discovered about fourteen days previous to the date of this meeting, on excavating for a new street opposite to the site of Westcotes, near Leicester, on the eastern side of the Roman Fosse, in what appears to have been a burying place of the later Roman and Saxon periods. Several skeletons were found lying nearly north and south, and with them some fibulæ, an armlet, and sword blades, and also some fragments of coarse sun-baked pottery (parts of an urn), but not enough to distinguish the shape, and also some specimens of Castor ware, consisting of one small jar of black pottery, ornamented with white spots and discs, and a cup of the same of dark grey ornamented with white. The fibulæ discovered consisted of two fine brass fibulæ of the fiddle pattern, and one smaller of the same pattern, and one small fibula of similar shape but with a circle in the centre of white enamel inlaid with dark-coloured glass rings, and also ornamented with glass set in other places. There were five Roman coins brass, very much corroded, found, but not decipherable, one of Domitian, and one was pierced as if to wear as a locket. It was said that many other antiquities were also found on the same occasion but had been taken away before Mr. Harris' servant could see them. The accompanying illustration, photo-lithographed from a drawing by Colonel Bellairs, represents the most interesting of these antiquities and gives the sizes of the originals.

By Mr. J. C. Neale: An historical and poetical description of the ancient town and castle of Nottingham, by Alderman Bearne, 1724.

The Rev. A. M. Rendell read the following Paper:—

ANOTHER EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LEICESTERSHIRE MEMORANDUM BOOK.

This book was kept (1723-1774) by the same John Frisby whose Account Book I have recently described to this Society, but from the variety of the contents it seems to require a different title. There are accounts in it, the expenses of additions to his house, the payments made to his labourers, the amounts paid as rent in different places, and the like. But there are also memoranda of various kinds, and especially recipes for all sorts of diseases and injuries both of man and beast.

First, with reference to accounts, he gives in one place the amount of tithe which he has paid or received during the year for pigeons alone. They seem to have been sold at the rate of from 2s. to 1s. a dozen. A tithe pig was sold for 3s., and for gathering tithe eggs we find in one place 6d. and in another 8d. Then there occurs an entry as follows:—

"Foles 1d., calves nothing, three-halpence a new bare cowe, 1d. a stroper, of lambs if 10 one, if 5 half a one, if 6 a lowing a ½ penny to be tithed ye 3d of May, a full tithe of ye wooll from Candelmas and all after 25th of March, a rate tithe after ye rate of 4d. a score per month. (From other entries this evidently refers to sheep.) For maridges 2s. 6d., for chrisnens 7d. Every farm house 4½d. for sons or daughters or servants—Communicants 2d. per head."

This last entry is very curious, and probably refers to Easter offerings.

In another part of the book he states that the Duke of Rutland's Rent Roll at Waltham in 1735 was £587 5s. 6d., with the observation, "N.B. This is ye Old Rent," but in 1768 we have the following entry:—

	£	s.	d.
The Duke of Rutland's Rental of Waltham Lordship is ..	1518	14	6
The Bell and Clock Land is	8	8	0
Mr. Noble's is	8	0	0
The Rev. Master Rastal's is	271	15	0
The Whole Rent of ye Lordship	1806	17	6

It is hardly possible to believe that such an increase in rental could take place in thirty-three years, so that perhaps the first entry is only the half-year's rent. I am told that before the depression in agriculture the Duke's rental in Waltham exceeded

£3000, but that increase is in more than one hundred years. Many of the names of the tenants at Waltham are to be found among the present inhabitants of Waltham, but I have not met with the following names before:—Capendale, Derry, Godbehear, and Nix. I have spoken of the number of recipes contained in the book, and give the following as examples:—

For ye Bite of a Mad Dog.

Liver of a mad dog one ounce, ash colour'd ground liverwort 2 ounces, stones of raisins of ye sun 1½oz., white pepper 6 drachms, and in proportion for a small quantity. Dry 'em seperately in an oven, powder them and mix 'em. The dose is 2 or 3 drachms roll'd up in butter, to be given within 24 or 48 hours after ye bite. The dog to be blooded att ye same time. The ingredients to be kept dry, but not powder'd till us'd. To a man ye same dose, but must be given in ½ a pint of warm milk.

The above might be as efficacious as M. Pasteur's treatment seems to be in many instances now. (For another recipe, and for the then prices of oils, &c., see below.)

The following entries are of interest as giving the names of fruits then cultivated:—

Oct. ye 24th, 1737.—Trees set in Spicks'is Garden.—Next towards ye stable on ye left hand ye doar one Inglish Aprecocke; first on ye right hand ye doar an Ould Newington Peach; next to that a George Peach; next to that a Red Roman Necton; next to that a Catern Peach.

1748.—The first tree next ye well is the Red Roman Nectron; the nexth ye Turkey Apricock; the next to that is ye Fairchild Nectron; one Orange Apricock; two Old Newington Peaches. This botam account is right of the trees of Bro. Baker's Garden.

A Reseat for ye Agay, gave by Me Ladey Jefford's is Stuerd.

Take an ounce of Jesuit's Bark, pounded very fine, put it into a pint bottel, then put a glass of white wine into it, and fill it up with barley water; shake it allwayes when you take aney out, you may take three or four spoonfulls att a time those days the party has not his fitt, and as the mixture grows thick you may put in more barley water. The party must be 3 or four hours distance in taking it.

Prises of Oyles and other Lickwids.

Sperits of Vitterill	3d per oz.
Narva oil	1d do.
Swallows	2d do.
Peter	2d do.
Exitter	2d do.

Spike as is cal'd but is nothing but turpetine as they sell	1d do.
Unguentum Diolthee or Mashmallows ..	2d do.
Oyle of Bricks	2d do.
Cantharodes of French flies	1½d pr dram.
Annaseeds	1d per oz.
Turmarick	2d do.
Granes of Paradise	2d do.
Fennegrick	1¼d do.
Lickerish powder	1d do.
Flower of Sulfer	1d do.
Uferbum	1½d pr dram.

Spirits of Wine is 6d. ye ½ half pint.
Camfer is 9d ye ¼ of an oz.
Tinkture of Mer. I had a gill viol att London for 9d.

Ol Aniseds	1 oz	0	2d.
Ther Ven	1 oz	0	8
Syr Roses	2 oz	0	1½
Aloes Succat	3 oz	0	4½
Sal. Tart.	3 oz	0	3
Coccinilla	2 oz	0	10

Oyle of Rigrum, 4½d per dram, or 3s 4d or 4s per oz.
Oyle of Amber, 1s 6d per oz, an equal quantaty of these two Last Oyles is good for a strane.
Vardegrease is 3d per oz.
Common Turpetine is 6d. per pound.
Other Turpetine is 1s per quart.

Mr. Frisby appears to have taken great interest in matters at Belvoir Castle for there are many entries relating to it. Thus:—

September ye 15th, 1743.—A large Bunch of Grapes weighed Six pounds and a Halfe when it came to His Grace the Duke of Rutland's Table. It whas judged to be Seven pounds when first cutt of the stove wall at Belvoir.

In 1753, His Grace's Chaplins names:

Jeremiah Ellis, of Carleton.
Richard Easton, of Grantham.
Mr. Abson, of Kneeson.
Mr. Horn. of Newark.
Mr. Hurst, of Ropesly.
Mr. Natt. Smith, of Grantham.

Then we have the weights of his Grace and others on two occasions, a list of the company at His Grace's Birthday, ye 21st October, 1748; the "Vales" and the wages of the Butler at Belvoir in 1747, 49, 50, 51, 52, varying from £19 14s. 6d. to £40 13s. 6d.; and "An acct. of ye Plate given up by me J. ffrisby to Mr. Drake ye person appointed by His Grace ye Duke of Rutland to take it from me as being one of ye exectores in trust for the Late Butler Mr. James Simpson."

Also the consumption of coal in 1747 at Belvoir ..	309	17	1
and at Croxton	11	2	5½
	320	19	6½

And His Grace's Butcher's Bill from ye 19th of January to the 24th Feb. 1752, at Belvoir ..	117	12	0

The Duke of Rutland mentioned here was the third Duke, the great-great-grandfather of the present Duke.

Among the miscellaneous memoranda are the following:—

"The new machine for working Italian orgawrine silk, erected at Derby by Mr. Thomas and John Lombe, containes, viz., 26,586 wheels, 97,746 movements, which worke 73,728 yards of silke every time the waterwheel goes round, which is thrise in a minute, and in one day and night itt workes 318,504,960 yards of silk.

"One waterwheele communicates motion to all ye rest of ye wheels and movements, of which aney one may be stop't seperately and indepentant on ye rest. One fire engine conveys warm air to every individual of the machine; and one regulator governs the whole worke."

The dimensions of "The Royal Soveraign," a ship of 1953 tons, 110 guns, and 850 men, are given, and also "Directions to propagate ye Sea or Beach Cale," and "The Manner of Dressing it."

Directions to Propagate ye Sea or Beach Cole.

Make your beds five feet wide in the deepest and richest fresh mold, and trench it three feet deep, that it may lay dry. Let ye top foot of the bed be made very fine; then plant the seed a foot or ten inches square.

The most speedy way for the seeds coming up is to crack the pod wherein ye seed is contained, which will likewise demonstrate whether the seed you plant be good or not. Mark where you plant the seeds, and keep it well water'd before it comes out of the ground, and so continue watering during ye hot months of the first summer; afterwards there needs no water at all. You may plant the seeds in February, March, or April. The second year you may cut the sprouts five or six times; but first, before the roots push forth the sprouts, which will be very early in the spring and long before the natural asparagus, cover your beds with sea pebbles six inches deep, and, for want of pebbles, take gravel, and wash ye grist off it, and lay it over the beds, as before; and as it pushes out of the crown or side of the plant, keep it covered over with pebbles or gravel, round like a hop-hill, till it is grown out the length of your finger, then cut it, but be sure not to cut

in too near the root. If kept clean from weeds it will continue good and supply you with sprouts forty years or upwards.

The manner of dressing it: Tie it up in little bundles, and boil it in two waters, putting a little milk in the water; when soft, serve it up in a water plate, adding butter, vinegar, salt, and pepper, according to your palate. This is a most exquisite dish, and far exceeds asparagus, brocoly, or aneything the kitchen garden affords.

Sold by Samuel Gray, Seedsman in Pall Mall.

And on the last page of the book among forms of "promissary notes," we have the following:—

N.B.—A memarandum taken out of my father-in-lawe's book, Christopher Baker, October the 12th, 1723.

The year 1723 was the dryest year that ever was knowne in the memory of any man liveing, the drought began at the beginning of March and held till the 12 of October following, onely of the 30 of July it raine most part of the day, or else onely a few small showers.

I, Chris. Baker, gott a barley eare of on my wong on the top of the home close of Sunday, the 29 day of May, in the year 1726. And I gott a branch of a white thorne that whas flurished out greene of Sunday, the 12 of Febrawary, in the year 1726.

N.B.—Mentioned in the Cambridge paper in April 9th, 1774, that the bank did not refuse guineas if they wanted more then tenpence was a mistake, they are taken at ye weight of five penny weights, three grains ye same as usual.

The Rev. T. W. Owen, Vicar of S. Nicholas', Leicester, has since communicated the following Transcript of a portion of the earliest Register of his Church. The remainder will be printed in the *Transactions* in due course.

THE PARISH REGISTERS OF S. NICHOLAS, LEICESTER.

The earliest Register commences in the year 1559, and contains the Weddings, Christenings, and Burials, from that date up to about the year 1660. The Weddings come first, and are in the same handwriting to the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth; then in different handwritings up to 1659, the last entry being as follows,—"John Tompson & the widdow Harrisson was married June the 10th, 1659." The writing of this entry is like that of "Anno Domini 1559" on the title-page. The Christenings follow, and extend to 1664; the entries from 1656 to 1664 are on paper,

and have been inserted in the book. Lastly come the Burials, which commence in 9 Elizabeth, and extend to April 1554. The Christenings and Burials are, like the Weddings, in the same handwriting to the end of Elizabeth's reign, but in different handwritings afterwards. The entries in each year are as a rule connected together by a bracket. The entries in Elizabeth's reign are generally neatly written and well preserved; whilst some of the later ones are badly written and almost illegible.

There seems to be no special reference to S. Nicholas' in the heading of the first page, which is as follows:—

Here beginneth the

Register Book of all the

WEDDINGS.

Anno Domini 1559.

*1560. Thomas Hunt and Alce Pollard married October 16th.
1563. Thomas Woodland and Alce Hascott married September 19th.
1570. Robert Baggaly and Elizabeth ffrisbey married Nov. 12th.
1574. William Law and Katherin Stanford married May 15th.
1576. William Pratt and Agnes Stanford mar. August 16th.
1576. John Brewine and Margaret Southern mar. October 10th.
1578. Richard Markby and Elizabeth Baggaly mar. Nov. 12th.
1580. William Wyer and Ellen Choyce mar. Oct. 19th.
1585. William More and Margarett ffreake mar. Aug. 10th.
1586. John Bell and Margaret Gunthorpe mar. Sep. 25th.
1589. Thomas Brane and Mary Spooner, mar. Nov. 10th.
1590. Richard Stanford junr. and Avis Stevens mar. Feb. 2nd.
1591. Morris ffinwood and Agnes Sprott mar. Novr. 10th.
1591. John Wiseman and Agnes Needwood.
1592. Thomas Smythe and Cyclie Braym mar. May 3rd.
1592. Henry Armeson and Alce Woodland mar. Oct. 13th.
1593. John ffletcher and Elizabeth Markeby mar. Sep. 26.
1594. Thomas Lewine and Dorothie Wilne mar. Feb. 26th.
1595. Robert Buckston and Agnes Harris mar. Ap. 20th.
1595. Robert Davye and Joane Chamberlyne mar. Sep. 10th.
1595. Robert Cradock and Joane Heycocke mar. Aug. 24.
1596. Edward Stavesley and Ellne Wyer mar. Oct. 20.
1597. John Overinge and Joane Hunt mar. Feb. 20th.
1597. William Jeffrey and Mary Weston mar. Feb. 23rd.
1597. Thomas Pare and Easter Chettee mar. Sep. 9.
1598. Thomas Nurce and Elizabeth Hunt mar. Feb. 3rd.
1598. Henry Smyth and Amy Parnell mar. June 29.
1598. Richard Wilne and Dorothy Simson mar. Sep. 8th.

* The original Register of Weddings being very indistinct and illegible, these Marriages are taken from *a copy* of the earliest Register, which is preserved along with it, and is in excellent condition.

Anno Dni. 1560 *untill Ao. Dni.* 1600.

Christings.

Anno RRne nos Elizabeth secundo.

Aprill xth 1560	*Imprimis* Dorothie daughter of Thomas Wilne was baptized
*Anno RRne Nos Elizabeth 4	*Item* the xxvth day of September Thomas the Sonne of George Pollard was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz 5	*Item* the first day of November William the Sonne of Thomas Hunt was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 7	*Item* the xxth day of September Johane the daughter of Thomas Hunte was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 8	*Item* the xvth day of ffebruary Launce the Sonne of Thomas Woodland was baptized *Item* the xth day of August Richarde, the sonne of Thomas Wilne was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 9	*Item* the xth day of April Thomas the sonne of Thomas Hunte, was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 11	*Item* the xith day of October Elizabeth the daughter of Robert Baggaley, was baptized *Item* the xviiith daye of October Richard, the sonne of Thomas Hunte, was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz 13	*Item* the xiiith day of November Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Hunte was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz 14	*Item* the xxist day of December Thomas the sonne of Robert Baggaley was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 16	*Item* the xxist day of December margarett the daughter of Roberte Baggaley was baptized
Anno Eliz: 18	*Item* the seconde day of ffebruary mark the sonne of Robte Baggaley was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 18	*Item* the xth day of maye John the son of Edwarde Lewis was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 19	*Item* the xxvith day of September Mary the daughter of Phillip Lewis was baptized *Item* the xixth of October Agnes the daughter of Roberte Baggalay was baptized *Item* the xvth day of November Thomas the sonne of John Brewen was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 20	*Item* the xxvith day of Aprill Isabell the daughter of Thomas Woodland was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 21	*Item* the xvith day of May Willm the sonn of Richard Stanford senior was baptized
Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 22	*Item* the third day of Januarye Richard the sonne of John Woodshaw was baptized

* *i.e.* Anno Regni Reginæ Nostræ Elizabethæ quarto.

Item the xxviiith day of June Rycharde the sonne of John Spencer was baptized
Item the first day of July Agnes the daughter of Richard Markeby was baptized
Item the viiith day of July John the sonne of Richarde Stanforde senr was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 23 *Item* the xvith day of June Thomas the sonne of John Brewen was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 24 *Item* the first day of ffebruary Samuell the sonne of John Woodshaw was baptized
Item the vith day of Marche Alice the daughter of Richarde Markeby was baptized

Anno Rene Nos Eliz. 24 *Item* the xvith day of Aprill Agnes the Daughter of Thomas Woodland was baptized
Item the xvith day of July Margarett the daughter of John Brewen was baptized
Item the first day of November John the sonne of Phillipp Lewis was baptized
Item the xth day of November Thomas the sonne of John Baylie was baptized
Item the xvith day of November Thomas the sonne of John Spencer was baptized
Item the xvith day of November Mary the daughter of Richard Stanforde senr. was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 25 *Item* the second day of March John the sonne of John Woodshaw was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 26 *Item* the vth day of Maye Thomas the sonne of Phillipp Lewis was baptized
Item the vth day of Maye Roberte the sonne of Richard Stanford senior was baptized
Item the same day Alice the daughter of Phillipp Lewis was baptized
Item the iiird day of November John the sonne of John Brewen was baptized
Item the vth day* Mary the daughter of John Spencer was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 27 *Item* the first day of March, Willm the sonne of John Woodshaw was baptized
Item the xxiiird day of March Johane the daughter of Roberte Brayne was baptized
Item the xxist day of May Thomas the sonne of Richard Markeby was baptized
Item the seconde day of October John the sonne of Christopher North was baptized
Item the xvth day of November John the sonne of John Spencer was baptized

* The month is omitted, but is no doubt *November*, as the regnal year began on November 17th.

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 28

Item the xxxth day of March Ellen the daughter of Robert Brayne was baptized
Item the xiiith day of Aprill Elizabeth the daughter of William Browne was baptized
Item the vith day of September Randall the sonne of Richarde Stanforde was baptized
Item the seconde day of October Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Browne was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 29

Item the first day of June John ye sonne of Rycharde Markeby was baptized
Item the xvith day of June Richard the sonne of John Biddell was baptized
Item the xvith day of July Willm the sonne of Willm Browne was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 30

Item the vth day of May John the sonn of William Browne was baptized
Item the viith day of May John the sonn of Willm More was baptized
Item the xth day of June George the sonne of Christopher North was baptized
Item the xviith day of June Thomas the sonne of William Wyer was baptized
Item the xith day of November Thomas the sonne of John Spencer was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 31

Item the xiiith day of ffebruarye Marye the daughter of Willm Chamberlyn was baptized
Item the x daye of Maye Margerye the daughter of Christopher North was baptized
Item the xvith day of June Richarde the sonne of Rychard Markebye was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Elizabeth 32

Item the vi day of January Marye ye daughter of Willm Browne was baptized
Item the xth day of Marche Katherine the daughter of John ffreake was baptized
Item the xvith day of Marche Richarde the sonne of Thomas Greene was baptized
Item the xxiiith day of March Bridgett the daughter of Thomas Broome [or Breeme (?)] was baptized
Item xxviith day of June, William the sonne of William Wyer was baptized
Item the fourth day of October Margarett the daughter of Richarde Stanforde was baptized
Item the viith day of November Samuell the sonne of John Browne was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 33

Item the seconde day of ffebruarye Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Pare was baptized
Item the xiiith day of March Johane the daughter of Thomas Biddell was baptized

Item the xxiiird day of Maye Robert the sonne of John Ludlam was baptized
Item the xxviith day of June Phillipp the sonne of John ffreake was baptized
Item the xxxth day of June Anne the daughter of John Adcocke was baptized
Item the iiiith daye of August Henrye the sonne of Henrye Daye was baptized
Item the xxvth day of August James the sonne of John Bell was baptized

Ao RRne Nos Eliz: 34

Item the seconde day of ffebruarye Samuell the son of Willm Browne was baptized
Item the xxxist daye of March Agnes the daughter of John ffreake was baptized
Item the xth day of Aprill Anne the daughter of George Greene was baptized
Item the xxvith daye of June Robert the sonne of Roberte Molde was baptized
Item the thirde day of August Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Pare was baptized
Item the xxixth daye of September John the sonne of Richarde Stanforde bapt
*Elizabeth ye daughter of Thomas Jesson Clarke was baptized ye xvith daye ffebruaree 1696

Anno RRne Nos Eliz: 35

Item the xvth day of March Willm the sonne of Christopher North was baptized
Item the xxviiird day of March Sara the daughter of George Greene was baptized
Item the xvth day of Aprill Robte the sonne of Robte Brayne was Baptized
Item the xxviith day of Aprill William the sonne of William Griffen was Baptized
Item the ffirst day of Maye Margarett the daughter of John ffreake was Baptized
Item the xth day of June Willm the sonne of Christopher North was baptized
Item the xxviiith day of July Sara the daughter of John ffox was Baptized
Item the xviiith day of August Anne the daughter of Thoms Greene was baptized
Item the xith day of October Recharde Stanford the sonne of Rich Stanford Junr was bapt

Anno RRne Nos Eliz: 36

Item the thirde daye of ffebruarye Arthur the sonne of Wm Browne was Baptized
Item the xth day of November James the sonne of ffranncis Palmer was Baptized

* This insertion was made afterwards. It is in different ink to the rest. See Note under 37 Elizabeth.

Item the xvth day of Aprill Barbarye the daughter of Henry Day was bapt
Item the xxvith day of Aprill Willm the sonne of Willm Griffen was bapt
Item the xxvth day of June Agnes ye daughter of John Spencer was bapt
Item the xxvith day of September John the sonne of Willm Pearson was Baptized
Item the xth day of November Thomas the sonne of Richard Stanforde was Baptized

Anno RRne Nos Eliz: 37
Item the xxvith day of November Elizabeth the daughter of John ffreake was baptized
Item the iiiith day of Aprill Heloner the daughter of John Byerley was bapt
Ambrose ye Son of Thomas Jesson Clerke was baptyzed the seventh of Aprill 1794
Item the xth day of Maye marye the daughter of Willm Griffen was baptized
Item the xith day of July Marye ye daughter of John Bell was bapt
Item the xixth daye of July George the sonne of George Greene was baptized
Item the fourth daye of September Marye the daughter of John ffreake was baptized
Item the xxth daye of September Thomas the sonne of John Ffreake was baptized
Item the ixth day of November James the sonne of Edward Billington was baptized
Item the xixth day of November Henry the sonne of Richard Stanforde was baptized

Anno RRne Nos Eliz 38
Item the xvith day of ffebruarye Katherin the daughter of Thomas Lewen was baptized
Item the xxvith day of March Thomas the son of Thomas Biddell was baptized
Item the xth day of Maye Marye the daughter of William Griffen was baptized
Item the xxist of June Edward the sonne of Robert dauye was bapt
Item the xith day of November Marye the daughter of Roberte Buckstone was baptized

Anno RRne Nos Eliz: 39
Item the ixth day of Aprill John the sonne of Edwarde Pillington was baptized
Item the xxth day of Aprill Elizabeth the daughter of John ffreake was baptized
Item the ixth day of Maye Katherine the daughter of Thomas Biddell was Baptized

* This notice of baptism is an interpolation. Why it is put here I cannot tell. A daughter of the same Thomas Jesson Clerke is inserted under the thirty-fourth year of Queen Elizabeth, out of place and date.

Item the xith day of June Agnes the daughter of Robt Molde was baptized
Item the xxist daye of September Katherine the daughter of Robt Dauy was baptized
Item the xxviiith day of September Elizabeth the daughter of John ffreake was baptized
Item the xxviiith day of September Thomas the sonne of Thomas Hunte was Baptized
Item the xth daye of October John the sonne of Richarde Stanford was baptized

Ann° RRne Nos Eliz 40

Item the thirde day of Maye Anne the daughter of Roberte Buckestone was baptized
Item the xixth day of October Dorothie the daughter of Thomas Lewen was Baptized
Item the xxxiind day of October Elizabeth the daughter of Richarde Millne was Baptized

Anno RRne Nos Eliz: 41

Item the vth day of Aprill Anne the daughter of Thomas Stanford was baptized*
Item the viiith day of Aprill Anne the daughter of Thomas Hunte was baptized
Item the xxiiiith daye of Maye Avis the daughter of ffranncis Pawlmer was baptized
Item the xxixth day of June Susanna the daughter of Thomas Pare was baptized
Item the xxith daie of September Elizabeth the daughter of George Greene was baptized
Item the xxviiith daie of September, Edwarde the sonne of Richarde Stanford was baptized
Item the viiith day of October John the sonne of John Alcocke was baptized
Item the xxth daie of October Roberte the sonne of Henry Smith was baptized
Item the xxviiith day of October Henry Ffranncis the sonne of John Ffreake was baptized
Item ye viiith day of November Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Stanford was baptized*

Anno RRne Nos Eliz 42

†*Item* the xxth day of December John the sonne of Robert Davis was Baptized
†*Item* the xxist day of December Thomas the sonne of Richarde Wilne was baptized
†*Item* the xxixth of December Richarde sonne of Thomas Biddell was bapt

* These entries, the one in the beginning of the forty-first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth and the other at the end, are written in different ink to the other entries; but they seem to be correct in regard to the date. Evidently the one who kept the Register forgot to put them down at the time, and crowded them in after he had completed the record of baptisms for the year.

† In reading these entries it must be borne in mind that Queen Elizabeth began to reign on 17 November, 1558. Consequently 1 Elizabeth extends from 17 Nov.,

Anno RRne Nos Eliz 42 *Item* the fourth daye of Januarye Henrye the sonne of William Pearson was baptized
Item the thirde daye of March Anne the daughter of Thomas Pare was Baptized
Item the xxist day of March Bartholomew the sonne of Henry Smith was Baptized
Item the vth day day of Aprill John the sonne of John Pare was Baptized
Item the xith day of Aprill Richarde the sonne of Roberte Roberts was baptized

Buryalls.

Anno R. Rne nre Elizth ix^{o}.

1567.—The 20th day of Maye Thomas Dyues was buryed.
1570.—The 10th day of September Thomas the sonne of Thomas Wilne was buryed.
1575.—The 10th day of August Anne the daughter of Robert Baggaley was buryed.
1578.—Thomas the sonne of John Brewen May 11th.
1579.—Elizabeth the daughter of Robte Baggale 6th March.
1580.—Richard the sonne of Richarde Markeby 10th July.
1582.—Marke the sonne of Roberte Baggaley 6th January.
Thomas the sonne of John Spencer 10th of January.
Agnes the daughter of Roberte Baggaley the first daye of ffebruary.
1583.—Marye the daughter of Richarde Stanforde 6th daye of Maye.
1584.—Octr 10th Elizabeth the daughter of Robert Bagaley.
1585.—Ffebruarye 6th William Chettell depted.
March 7th Rycharde Markby.
Aprill 6th Thomas the sonne of Richard Stanforde.
1586.—Maye 16th Phillipp ffreake.
Nov 19th Isabell the daughter of Thomas Woodlande.
1587.—May 26th Agnes the wife of Thomas Stanford.
July 10th John the sonne of John Biddell.
August 3rd Margarett the wife of Richarde Stanford.
1588.—July 12th Anne the daughter of Rychard Markeby.
November 10th John the sonne of John Bydell.
1589.—May 10th Thomas the sonne of William Wyer.
Auguste 12th George the sonne of Christopher North.

1558 to 16 Nov., 1559, 2 Eliz. from 17 Nov., 1559 to 16 Nov., 1560, 42 Eliz. from 17 Nov., 1599 to 16 Nov., 1600; and so on. The regnal year being the only date here given, it must be taken as beginning on the 17th of November in each year. The Civil, Ecclesiastical, and Legal year, from the 14th century until the 1st of January, 1753, began on the 25th March.

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCHWARDENS OF ST. MARY, LEICESTER, 1652-1729.*

(Continued from p. 268.)

Officers Chosen in the Pish of St. Maries the 13th of Apill 1669 by the maior pte of ye thirteene as followeth.

John Wilkins—James Palmer, Churchwardens.
Mathew Coltman—Thomas Hartshorne, Collectors.
Dannett Pollard—Thomas Drake, Overseers of the poore.
Willm Hall—John Mitchell, Sidesmen.
Vallentine Abbotts—William Crampe, Overseers of the highwayes.
John Wilkins: thirteen man.
Wm Rudinge—Phillip Abney—John Stafford.
Richard Kirby—Robert Lancton—George Mounteney—John Mason—Thomas Drake.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
First for feeas to the Court at Ester visitation and at ye visitation in October for fees†		5	0
for the visitation diners at Ester & in October	01	10	00
for the Ringers one Cornation day	00	03	00
to John Browne for laying down a grave	00	01	00
to David Price for his help and sand	00	00	08
for liome [*sic.*]	00	00	06
to John Wilkinson for A hedghodg	00	00	02
to Will Pady for A hedg hodg	00	00	02
to Shipey for ye grate bell rope a ii pound 6d a *li*	00	05	06
to David Price for helping the plumers in my partner Wikes time	00	01	04
and for looking to the Clocke a quarter	00	00	06
for his midsomer quarteridg	00	07	02
for mending the Church dore	00	00	06
for washing out the Churchwardens names	00	00	06
for loking to the Clock	00	00	06
to goodman Cave for mating 16 yards	00	08	03
for Alle in 3 dayes tyme	00	01	00
to Wat Aolsop for 4 dayes worke About ye bells & steeple and plancking under ye bells	00	08	00
thare Alouence for Aale	00	01	04
to David Price for 5 days	00	03	04
for bord and planckes 30 foot	00	05	00
To John Crose for . . . dayes worke ‡			
to John Cellet for . . . . dayes worke			
for bords and wood	01	10	0

* Communicated by Colonel Bellairs. † This second line and the end of the next are inserted in a different handwriting and the amount has been altered. ‡ To this and the next item no amount is inserted.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
for whitlethe	00	00	04
for shuting ye Clocke Rope	00	00	04
oyle for ye bells	00	00	04
for Dauid Price his quartridg	00	00	*00
for nealles in the steeple	00	01	02
for apeece of Brase	00	00	04
for Apare of hindges for A seate dore	00	00	06
for David Price 7 dayes worke	00	04	08
for dubell tenpeney nealles	00	00	10
for lathe nealles	00	00	04
eightpeney nealles	00	02	04
for tenpeney nealles & soume eightpeney	00	03	00
for bread & beeare at fishers for the workmen	00	01	00
for bread & beeare at Danett Poolards	00	08	08
to John Noone for A hedghodg	00	00	02
to 2 boyes for A hedghodg	00	00	02
to Dick Johenes for A hedghodg	00	00	02
to Tho Coltman for A hedghodg	00	00	02
To A man that lost All had in vesell at see w^t^ ye desire of m^r^ mare & maney other hands to sertyfie it was so ..	00	01	00
To A ministers wife her husband destracted† had fore Children and mr. mares hand and maney others ..	00	02	00
November ye 5th to the Ringers	00	03	06
to John Browne for mending the walls	00	02	04
‡to my Partner for 2 hedghogs	00	00	04
to my Partner for A flaskit to Cary the bread to the poore	00	04	06
the 13th December to Two men wth thare wyeues that sustaned grat loses by ye Rageing Seay in an Iland ..	00	02	00
I gave Deuey for two dayes worke Clensing ye leads ..	0	1	4
for his quartridg	0	7	2
to Danell Pollard for brede Alle at ye Church	0	8	8
for laing downe mithell Palleys graue and mending Sum other plases	0	3	6
for two days clensing the leads of snow	0	1	4
Spent upon A man that daduised me howe to saue ye bell ropes and bells	0	1	0
to three fameleyes that Came from Killkeney with Leters of requust all one A day..	0	4	0
for 3 bell ropes	0	12	0
payd to goodman Caue for mating	0	8	9
gaue 2 Jen tell woming with 9 chilldren	0	2	0
that had a leter of request cume out of Wayles had grat loses	0	2	0
To Davey for his quartridg..	0	7	0
	3	18	3

* Some charge seems to have been inserted which may have been 7½ but it has been written over and now stands as in the text. † This word may be "deshearted" but it is I think more like "destracted." ‡ This item and to the end in different hands.

	li.	s.	d.
Payd to John Linfeilld for changing ye 4th bell bras ..		7	4
to Aron motley for sorn work in the Steeple		12	0
Payd for A short lether to Robert Burbidg	0	1	4
for lether to make lining for the balldrickes		3	6
for wood in the Steeple		1	4
to David Price for 6 days woorke	0	4	0
to David Price for oule & grease	0	0	10
to Robert Ball for 6 dayes woorke in ye Steeple ..		10	00
for a lock to ye vestrey dore*	0	02	00
to Dueyed Price for his quartridg	0	7	2
to Dueyed Price for 5 days work in ye snowe	0	3	4
for A Stafe to carey the poores Bread one	0	0	4
for mending the wath Rope	0	0	4
for mendinge the Steple dore	0	0	4
for 1 pound of Candell	0	0	4½
	2	14	9
	3	18	3
To Mrs. Bond for washing ye Church linen		6	0
To francis Ashwell for Scouring ye Comunon Vesells ..		1	6
To Mr. Mune for Righting ye Book		1	0
Reseates.			
first for braking up the ground for Mr. Walcot ..	0	6	8
for braking ye ground for Captine Philleps		6	8
for braking up the ground for Mithell Palley		6	8

At A Generall meeting By the mager pt of the thirteene for chosinge of New Officers for the next yere and for takeing the accounts for the Last.

Aprll ye 5th 1670.

James Palmer and Wm Spencer, Churchwardens—Wm Hall and Vall Abbot, Collectors—Rich Hill & John Wilkins, Overseers—Tho: Hartshorne & Tho: Morton, Overseers of ye high Wayes.

William Rudinge—Phillip Abney—Richard Kerbey—John Staford—Dannett Pollard—John Wilkins—Thomas Armstrong—Thomas Drake.

Dannett Pollard and Tho. Drake charge themselves wth ye Recept of	9	16	6
they have pd	7	7	8
Soe they pd into ye parish upon ye stating of there accompt	2	8	10
	9	16	6

* This is probably the same lock that is now on the door.

	£	s.	d.
p[d] more to Tho: Drake at that tyme	0	8	6
which sume amounts to y[e] sume of	2	17	4

being in full of there accounts.

(N.B.—This account is copied correctly, but I do not understand it. Ed.)

John Wilkins December the 27th 1670.

before the mager part of the thirteen did pas his account and disschar the parish of all that he was chardg with by the thirteen witnes thar hands.

Walter Ruding—Phillip Abney—Daniell Smith—Richard Kerbe—Thomas Drake—John Stafford—Richard Hill.

December y[e] 27 1670.

it was agreed by the vestrey that noe Churchwardens shall lay out alone forty shillings without the Consent of y[e] mager part of thirten & that William Wikes shall be a thirten man.

Walter Rudinge—Phillip Abney—Daniell Smith—Richard Kerby—Thomas Drake—John Stafford—Richard Hill—John Wilkins.

Noverint universi p p'sentes nos Richardu Blackwin de Shearsby in Com Leic[r] yeoman et Samuelem Blackwin de ead villa et Com yeom et Johem Heggs de Burgo Leic[r] in eod Com Leic[r] taylo[r] teneri et firmiter obligari Richardo Hill et Johi Wilkins Curatoribus plebicul in parochia Stæ Mariæ in Burgo Leic[r] p'dicto in Quadraginta libris bone et legalis monetæ Angliæ Solvens eisdem curatoribus aut suis certis Attornat vel succesoribus suis Ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend obligamus nos et quemlibt per se proto et in solido heredes Executores et Administrats nros et cujuslibet nrm firmiter per p[r]sentes Sigillis nris sigillat dat Septimo die Januarii Anno rni dni nri Caroli secundi dei gratia Angliæ Scotiæ Fraunciæ et Hibniæ Regis fidei defensor' et vicesimo secundo Annoq' dni 1670.

The Condicon of this obligacon is such that If the above bounden John Heggs nor his wife who are lately come to dwell & inhabitt in the parish of St. Marys aforesaid nor his children or family if hee shall have any be not at any time or times hereafter any wayes chargeable or burthensome to the above named Overseers of the poore or any other the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Marys aforesaid or their successors for

the time being nor any of them That then this p'sent obligacon to be void or else to be & remain in full force & vertue.

Sealed and delivered
in the p'sence of
Richard Harsones
Jos: Birkhead.

Richard Blackwin
his ▽ marke (L. S.)

Samuel Blackwin (L. S.)

John Heggs
his + marke. (L. S.)

NOTE. *The Seals to this Bond are made by a cutting at the edge of the page turned over on to a wafer and stamped with a seal of a fleur-de-lis.*

The names of thoes that have thare Rent payd by the Parish. 1670.

	£	s.	d.
To Thomas Drake for Smythes hous being payable at ..	0	12	00
To Mr. ffranckes for Antony Poales and Bartel Howets a eayer—to be payd at	1	12	02
To wido Pallmer in the Casele yard for wido ffarins a eayer—to be payd at	0	16	00
To John Wilkins for George Johnson & Willm Cooper a eayer—to be payd at Michelmas & at Lady day ..	1	0	0
To Mathew ffisher for James Wyers Rent a eayer ..	0	8	0
To Edward Malson for Willm Normas	1	2	0
To Thomas Goadbye for Elizabeth Palmer	0	14	0

Apr^{el} 25th 1671:

The account of Wm Hall and Vall Abbott maid up: the day and yeare aboue written.

They was: Detto^{rs} By ffive Quarters Leuiæ for ye Poore ..	54	6	6
They Are Credyto^{rs} by mony p^{d}	58	14	1
more	0	8	5
Rest due to ye Collecto^{rs}	4	16	11

Jam: Palmer and Wm Spencer Churchwardens their accom^{t} for the yeare 1670.

Jam: Palmer is Detto^{r}	14	05	10
Jam: Palmer is Credyto^{r}	16	0	0
Rest dew to Jam: Palmer	1	14	2

Rich: Hill and John Wilkins Overseers their account.

They are Detto^{rs} by mo: Received	18	11	3
The are Credyto^{rs} by mo: p^{d}	17	14	1
Rest dew to ye Parish	0	17	2

6° Junii 1672.

	s.	d.
Recd. then of the Churchw: of St. Maries in Leic^{r} for the repaires of the Church and Steeple of Welwyn in the County of Hertford (by his Maties Letters pattents) the sume of	7	4

p me Willmmn Billing
Appar.

Officers Chosen the 25th of Apr^{el} 1671:

Mr. Phill Abney and Dan: Smyth, Ouerseers for ye Poore.
Wm Spencer and Wm Atkins, Church Wardens.
John Michell and John Skellett, Collecto^{rs} for ye Poore.
John Wilkins and John Coleman, Ouerseers for ye High Wayes.
James Palmer Vestry man.

John Staford—Richard Kerby—John Mason—Dannett Pollard—Daniell Smith—Thomas Drake—John Wilkins—Richard Hill.

The Accounts of Willi Spencer And Willi Attkins Church wardens of the prish of St Maries exhibited Aprill the 19th Anno Dmi: 1672. as ffolloweth.

Disburstments.

	li.	s.	d.
Imp paid to James Pallmer	1	14	2
It—for writeinge of the Register	0	2	6
It—for deliveringe in of the Register	0	0	8
It—to the palliter	0	0	6
It—for our Oathes and a booke	0	3	0
It—to the visitors they came to visitt the Church ..	0	2	6
It—for 3 hedgehoggs killinge..	0	0	6
It—for one other hedgehogge killinge	0	0	2
It—to John Wilkingson for one hedgehogge and 4 yonge ones	0	0	4
It—Charges when wee wentt about the hearth money* ..	0	1	8
It—for writeinge 2 Coppies about the hearth money ..	0	2	0
It—To the Ringers May the 29th	0	5	6
It—for Dinner att the visitation att Easter	0	15	0
It—To Mr. Nowton for Wine..	8	12	5½
It—for mendinge of the Pullpitt June the 5th	0	1	5
It—for boards and Nailes and for workemanship about the great bell	0	1	6
It—to Walter Allsope for one daies worke in James Pallmer his time which he left to pay	0	1	3
It—to John Wilkingsone for one old hedge hogge and 4 yonge ones	0	0	4

* The Hearth-money Tax was imposed by Statutes 14 Car. II. c. 10, and 16 Car. II. c. 3, and repealed 1 William and Mary, c. 10. "To gratify the people," says Evelyn, "the hearth-tax was remitted for ever." The Rolls are preserved in the Public Record Office, arranged in counties and villages, and give the name of every householder, and the number of hearths in his house, in respect of which he was taxed. The reference to the Leicestershire Hearth Tax Roll, which is in excellent condition, is—*Lay Subsidy* 134—322. It is written on thirteen large membranes.

	£	s.	d.
It—to 6 seamen which came with a lett^{r} of request ..	0	1	0
It—to one other seaman which came with a lett^{r} of request	0	0	6
It—paide for the Church Booke	0	15	0
It—for 2 New bell ropes	0	8	0
It—paide to Redley the Joyner for mendinge of seates in the Chancell	0	3	8
It—to ffrancis Ashwell for helpinge of the Joyner ..	0	0	6
It—to Willi Crampe for Iron worke	0	1	6
It—for Nailes	0	0	6
It—To Goodman Caue for Mattinge	0	12	0
It—paide to Mr. Seawill	0	3	4
It—given to a poore gentlewoman with a lett^{r} of request ..	0	1	0
It—paid to Joshuah Kerke for 3 hundred of brickes ..	0	6	0
It—for bringeinge of them to the Church and for beere ..	0	1	10
It—for our Oathes and a booke and puttinge in of our bill att the bishops visitation	0	4	6
It—for Charges and dinner att the Bishops visitation ..	0	13	6
It—paide to goodman Clarke for 4 quarters of lime ..	0	17	4
It—paide to Richard Parsons for 5 Strikes of lime ..	0	2	11
It—paide more for Nailes	0	0	6
It—for a judginge for a role about a bell wheele	0	0	4
It—for a stay for a bell wheele	0	0	4
It—for 22 yardes of battlements mendinge att 1s. p the yarde	1	13	0
It—for 4 daies worke att 1s. 6d. the day	0	6	0
It—to a labourer for 4 daies worke	0	3	0
It—to a labourer for 10 daies worke	0	9	3
It—for 17 strikes of sande	0	3	4
It—to a labourer for one day	0	0	9
It—to David Price for cleansinge of the leads and for straw	0	0	8
It—for Alowance for bread and beere when the mended the battlements	0	9	0
It—for ffillinge slates	0	0	10
It—to the ringers the 5th of Novemb^{r}	0	5	0
It—to Mr. Pollard for wine	4	17	0
It—to 2 travellers by Mr. Maior his order	0	0	6
It—to a gentlewoman with a lett^{r} of request by Mr. Maior his order	0	1	0
It—given to 2 Travellers more	0	0	6
It—paide to ffrancis Ashwell	0	2	6
It—paide to John Browne	2	12	0
It—paide to David Price for his last yeares arreares ..	2	11	7
It—paide more to David Price for this yeare : 1671: ..	1	8	8
It—Paide for 2 newe hinges and mendinge of a seate doore	0	1	0
It—paide for 10 strikes more of sande	0	1	8
It—for dinner att the Archdeacons visitation	0	14	8
for oathes and psentments	0	3	0
It—paide for bread and beere when John Browne mended the staires which go into the Castle yard and other worke	0	4	0
It—for bread and beere when the glasier worked at the church	0	1	6
It—paide to John Skellett for wood and mendinge of seates	0	4	4

	£	s.	d.
It—paide for a settle and a stulpe and for settinge downe ..	0	1	6
It—paide to Willi Halle for glaseinge in James Pallmer his time	1	15	2
It—paide for 2 newe bell ropes	0	9	0
It—paide to Wallter Allsope for one daies worke in the steeple	0	1	6
It—paide for Coales wood and Candle in the vestree ..	0	2	0
It—paide to M^{ris} Bond for washinge of the surplyse in James Pallmer his time which he left to pay	0	6	0
It—paide 2 Coppies more writeinge about the hearth-money and for Charges	0	3	0
It—given to a poore gentlewoman by Mr. Maior his order ..	0	1	6
It—paide for findinge of the sunn Diall	0	0	6
It—for writeinge of 2 bookes and castinge and writeinge of our Accompts	0	4	0
It—paide more to John Browne	0	12	1
It—paide more to David Price for worke about the Church	0	9	2
It—for beere with the minist^{r} of Aylston when he preached on Easter day	0	1	0
It—paide to John Halle in part of his Accompt	0	10	0
It—p^{d} for a booke for the fast	0	0	6

Totalis is 38 8 3

Received for the 3 Leyes and the graues breakinge up ..	32	17	7½
Disbursted in the whole yeare (*altered from* 38 8 3) ..	38	10	7
Remaineth due to Willi Spencer ..	6	8	4

Aprill ye 9th 1672.

Willm Spencer & Willm Attkins pased theire Acounts being Church Wardins Charged themselves with the recept of	32	17	5½
thar disburstmants	38	10	7
thar Supers	00	14	6
	39	5	1
thare layings out is more then they receved	06	7	7½

Aprill ye 9th 1672.

John Mitchell & John Kellett pased their accounts being Colectors Charged themselves with the reseipt of ..	54	10	06

	£	s.	d.
thare payments amount too in all	48	19	03
Supers	1	00	11
	50	00	02
There remaines to ye parish at the foot of their accoumpt ..	04	10	04

Will[m] Atkins & Joseph Eson—Churchwardins. John Stafford & James Pallmer—Overseers. Gabrill Hill Richard Ares—Colectors. John Colson & Georg Heges—Overseers for the hiewayes.

John Mithell p[d] to Will[m] Hall	5	5	1
& to John Wilkins	0	10	0
	05	15	1
which makes dwe to him	1	4	9
ye Overseers passed thar acount and brout in	0	9	2

Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Rich Kirby—John Stafford—Richard Hill—Dann Pollard—Thomas Arme Stronge—John Mason—James Palmer.

Noverint univ'si p' p'sentes nos Gulihellmu' Balle de Burg' Leicest[r] in comitatu Leicest[r] Coardwinder et Gulihellmu' Alline de eade Burgo et Comitatu p[r]dicto Silk weaver et Robertu' Bardell de eade' Burgo et Comitatu p[r]dicto Currier Teneri et firmit[r]' obligari Johanne Stafford et Jacobū Pallmer de eade' Bu'go Supvisors de pauperis in p'chia St. Marya in Leicest[r] p[r]dicto in Quadraginta libris bone et legalis monetæ Angliæ Solvendū eide' Johanne Stafford aut Jacobū Pallmer aut eoru' succussoris Ad qua' quide' solucone' bene et fidelit' facienda' Obligamus nos et quelibet n'ru p' se p' toto et in solido heredes Executores vel administratores n'ros et quelibet n'ros firmit[r] p' p[r]sentes sigillis n'ris Sigillatu Datu quinque die August Anno regno vicesimo quarto dni nri Caroli secundo dei gratia Angliæ Scotiæ ffrantiæ et Hiberniæ regis fidei defensoris Annoq[e] dni 1672.

The Condicon if this Obligacon is such That if the above Bownden Willi Balle Willi Alline and Rob[t] Bardell their heires Executors administrators or Assignes shall and will from time to time and att all times hereafter well and suffitiently saue keepe harmelesse and undempnified all the parishoners of the saide parish of St. Maryes which hereafter shall or may arise from all troubles and Charges of one Bastard Childe laide to the Charge of the above Bounden Willi Balle That then this p'sent obligcon shall be voide and of none Effect in the

lawe or els to stande remaine and be in full power fforce strength and vertue.

Signed sealed and delivered in the psence of us. (not signed) (L. S.)

George his × Balle marke. William Allin (L. S.)

Willi Manne Robt his R Bardell marke. (L. S.)

NOTE. *The Seals are wax, the first a Lion Rampant, the second imperfect, and the third an Anchor.*

Janewary the 16th 1672.

Memorandum that I Edward Malson of the borrow of Leicester in the County of Leicester baker for and in Considderation of the sume of one pound And seventeen shillinges to mee in hand paide the receite heareof I deo heareby Acknolidge And confess deo by theise presents Acquit And for ever discharge John Stafford And James Palmer the present Over Seers And their Sucksessors from William Norman Woolcomer from the 21th day of December last past unto the end of his life if hee doth seo longe Contenew in the howse wheare hee now dwelleth And for neo longer onely for the rent of the howse wheare now hee dwelleth inn Witness heareof I deo heare Unto Sett my hand the day And yeare first Aboue written.

Witness Edward Malson.
Edward Pollard.

Aprell ye first. 1673:

Willm Attkins and Joseph Eson Churchwardens pased thare acount and remaine indebted to ye parish 4li 17 5½ of dubell leuey and have promised to give acount of the money that they reseued of ye Chamberlins for ye yous of ye poore which the Owerseers should have disposed one.

	li	s.	d.	li	s.	d.
Gabrill Hill & Richard Ares Colectors pased their acount & charged themselues wt ye recept of				67	17	01
their disburstments	64	07	11	65	11	05
dedutions	1	03	06			
dwe to ye parish				01	05	08
John Stafford & James Pallmer being overseers Charged themselves with ye recept of				4	19	06
thay disbursted				3	13	05
Rested Dewe to ye parish .. .. at ye foot of their acount.				01	06	01

Aprell ye first. Offisers Chosen for ye parysh of St. Maryes for ye 1673.

Richard Kerby & Richard Hill,	Ouerseers.
Joseph Eason & Mathew ffisher,	Churchwardens.
Edmund Johnson & John Winter,	Colectors.
John Wilkins & William Spenser,	Overseears for the hie Wayes.

Phillipp Abney—John Wilkins—The Marke of + Thomas Drake—the Marke of I S John Stafford—Richard hill—Richard Keerby—James Palmer.

At A meeting of ye migor part of the thirteen the first day of October 1673

there was Mr. Willm Deane and Richard Hill and Edmund Polard & Joseph Eson Chosen to be foure of the thirteen men of ye Vesterey of St. Mareys.

Phillip Abney—Dannett Pollard—Thomas + Drake his marke—John H 2 Stafford his marke—John Wilkins—Richard R Kirby his marke—John I M Mason his Marke

Aprill the 21th 1674.

Joseph Eson And Mathew ffisher the then Churchwardens Exhibeted theire Accounts And they Charged themselves with the receite of	25	0	2
theire payments Amounts to	29	16	6
theire deductions beinge Allowed Amounts to	01	3	6
Seo theire Remaines dew to the Churchwardens Att the foote of theire Accounts the Sume of	5	15	10

Walter Rudinge—William Deane—John Wilkins—The Marke of I S John Staford—Dannett Pollard—Edward Pollard—Richard Kerbey—Thomas Drake—John Mason—Richard Hill.

Offecers Chosen by the Major part of the thirteene of the parish of St. Maryes Leicester the 21th day of Aprill 1674 As followeth.

Mathew ffisher And Gabrill Hill,	Churchwardens.
Edward Pollard And Thomas Drake,	Oversears for the poore.
Robert Lanckton And Robert Winfeilde,	Collectors for the poore.
Mr. Phillip Abney And Dannell Pollard,	Overseears for the Highwayes.

Walter Rudinge—William Deane—John Wilkins—Edward Pollard—John Stafford—Richard Kerbey—Thomas Drake—John Mason—Richard Hill—Joseph Eason.

Decem^{r} ye 22^{d} 1674.

Mr. Edward Johnson & John Wintter—Colectors for ye poore pased theire accounts and charged themselues with the reseat of	62	19	09
they have payd as apeared by thaire accounte the sum of	67	16	02
Shupers alouwed Comes too	01	15	06
the whole amounts too	69	11	8
remaines at ye foote of theire account dwe to ye Colectors	6	11	11

this account was prefered at Ester last past.

Walter Rudinge—William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Richard R Kirby—Dannett Pollard—John I M Mason—John 2 I Stafford—Joseph Eason.

Noverint universi per p^{r}sentes me Thomam Wood de Woodhouse in Com' Leic^{r} yeoman teneri et firmiter obligari Richardo Kirby et Richardo Hill Curatoribus Plebicul in parocia S^{tae} Mariæ in Burgo Leic^{r} in com' Leic^{r} p'dicto in Quadraginta libris bonæ et legalis monetæ Angliæ Solvend eisd' Curatoribus plebicul' aut suis certis Attornatis vel Successoribus suis Ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend' Obligo me Heredes—Execores et Admores meos firmiter per p'sentes Sigillo meo Sigillat' Dat Decimo Octavo die Octobris Anno rni dni' nri Caroli secundi Dei gratia Angliæ Scociæ ffranciæ et Hibniæ Regis fidei defensoris & vicesimo quinto Annoq' dni' 1673.

The condicon of this obligacon is such that Whereas one Hannah Greene widdow is lately come to dwell and inhabit within the parish of St Mary above mentioned If therefore the said Hannah Green be not any time or times hereafter chargeable or Burthensome to the above named Overseers for the poor nor any other of the Inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary's aforesaid nor their Successo^{s} for the time being nor any of them That then this p'sent obligacon to be void or else to be and remaine in full force & virtue.

Sealed and delivered
in the p'sence of
Robt Spencer
Jos^{s} Birkhead.

Tho Wood. (L. S.)

(*Note the seal is a Bull's head.*)

Att the meetinge of the Major part of the thirteene of the parish of St. Maryes held the 16th day of October 1674 it is A Greed as ffolloweth: Leicester.

itt is A Greed Att this Meetinge that theire is Allowed one Quarters laive for the poore Att 3^{d} the pound Land And 2^{d} the pound howses.

Att the same meetinge itt is Allseo A Greed that the Churchwardens shall have one Quarters Laive After the Same Rule.

Att the same meetinge itt is A Greed that the parish shall pay widdow Bruice her rent to Chamberlin bent And sett her house in repaire And take itt in to the parishes owne hands.

William Deane—Richard Hill—John Mason—Thomas Drake—John Stafford—Edward Pollard—Joseph Eason.

At A meeting of the thirteen of this parish of St. Mayres heled the two & twentyth day of decemb^{r} 1674.

ffrancis Wyere was Chosen Sexton & to continue Sexton soe longe as he shall behave him self honestly & doe his offise according as ye parish shall like and if he doe necklecte his duty at any tyme heare after then his Election to be voyd.

Walter Rudinge—William Deane—Phillip Abney—John I M Mason—John Wilkins—Dantt Polard—Danell Smyth—Richard K Kerby—John I S Stafford—Richard Hill—Joseph Eason.

Noverint universi per p'sentes me Willielmu Handy Jun de Burgo Leic^{r} in Com Leic^{r} Taylor teneri et firmiter obligari Edwardo Pollard et Thomæ Drake curatoribus Plebicul in Parocia Stæ Mariæ in Burgo Leic^{r} p'dicto in viginti libris bonæ et leglis monetæ Angliæ Solvend eisd Curatoribus plebicul aut suis certis Attornatis vel successoribus suis Ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend Obligo me Heredes Execores et Admores meos firmiter p p'sentes Sigillo meo sigillat Dat Vicesiomo tertio die Decembris Anno rni dni nri Caroli secundi dei gratia nunc Angliæ regis et vicesimo Sexto Annoq^{e} Dni 1674.

The Condicon of this obligacon is such that Whereas the above bounden William Handy upon the Consideracon of the sum of Twenty shillings to him in hand paid by the said Overseers of the parish of St. Mary's at or before the sealing of these p'sents Hath taken unto him & undertaken to keep & maintaine Mary—Read daughter of Nathaniell Read late of the said parish of St. Mary's deceased for and during the terme of twenty yeares next after the date hereof If therefore the said William Handy his Execo^{s} or Admo^{s} do at all times hereafter dureing the said terme of twenty yeares Save and keep harmless & indempnified the said Overseers of the poore and all other the Inhabitants of the S^{d} parrish of St. Marys and their successors for the time being of & from all charges damages & incumbrances which may arise or happen to the said pish for or by reason or means of the said Mary Read Then this p'sent obligacon to be void or else to be & remain in full force and vertue.

Willm Handy
W H (L. S.)
his marke.

Sealed and delivered
in the p'sence of
Robert Lanton.
Jos: Birkhead.

(NOTE.—*The seal is the same Bull's head as in last bond.)*

At a meeting the fiftenth day of Jenuary 1674 the magor part of the thirteen of the Vestrey men thay did Grant the Colecters a sesment or leuey of three half pence in the pound accordaine to the ancient Custum of this parish and soe allway to Continue for all sesments that shall be mayd to Sesed after the rate of three half pence in the pound.

Walter Rudinge—John Wilkins—Thomas T Drakes marke—the marke of Richard R Kerby—the marke of John I S Stafford—Dannett Pollard—The marke of Danell + Smyth—Joseph Eason.

Aprell ye 6th 1675. At A meeting of the grater part of the thirteen the ouerseers pased their acounts & was Creditors one shilling & two pence which was p^d^ to them by the Colectors.

	£	s.	d.
Math. ffisher & Gab: Hill—The Churchwardens past their acoumpt and charged them selues with the Resept ..	27	14	4½
their disburstments was	27	6	9½
their Supers	0	9	7½
	27	16	5
Remaines due to ye Churchwardens	0	2	0½
Robt Winfeilld & Robt Lancton being Colectors did pas their acount & Chardged themselues w^t^ ye recet of ..	89	17	5
their disburstments amount to	88	18	10
Supers alowed	02	2	4½
the whol is	91	1	2½
there remains at the foot of the account to the Colectors } Just	01	3	9½

Walter Rudinge—William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—John I M Mason—Rich: R H hill—Tho: T D Drake—Rich R K Kirby—John I S Staford.

Ofisers: Chosen by the more part of the thirteen.

Gabrill hill & Edw: Johnson	Churchwardens.
John Colson—Georg Groce,	Colectors.
Mr. Phillep Abney & Joseph Eason	Ouerseers.
John Brown—Saml. Dwick	Ouer Seear of hieway.

Walter Rudinge—William Deane—John Wilkins—Tho. T D Drak—John I M Mason—Rich. R K Kirby—John I S Staford—Rich: R H Hill—Danell Smith.

*Octob*r 7, 1675. At A meeting of the Grater part of thirteen M[r] Edward Johnson was chosen a Vestery man—and Granted to the Churchwardens a dubell Leuey.

William: Deane—John Wilkins—John I S Staford—John I S Mason —Tho: T D Drake—Rich: R K Kirby—Richard Hill—Joseph Eason —Dannett Pollard.

* *Novem*r 20, 1675. Wee the parishoner and vestrey of S[t] Maryes Leic[r] are agreed to pay M[rs] Ann Lasey the sum of three pound ten shillin a eyeare for heir life upon Consideration that she give and setell accordaing to Law that Ston hous which M[rs] Sharman bought and standeth in the Newark at Nether end of the hospitall Alley too the Vicker of this parish of S[t] Mareyes for euer.

Walter Rudinge—W[m] Ruding—William: Deane—John Wilkins— John I M Mason his marke—Richard R H Hill his marke.

ffebrairy 7th 1675. At A Meeting of the Grater parte of Thirteen Willm ffranke Esq[r] woos chosen A vestery man.

William: Deane—Phillip Abney—*Edmund* † Johnson—Dannett Pollard—John Mason—Joseph Eason—the marke of Thomas T Drake.

(*There are five pages left blank here probably for the insertion of accounts which were never entered.*)

March ye 28th 1676.

	£	s.	d.
Gabrill Hill & Edw: Johnson the Churchwardens pased theire accompts & charged them selues with the recept of ..	21	1	9
their disburstments did amount to with supers	21	7	8
dwe to the Churchwardens	0	14	8

John Colson—Geo: Groce—The Colectors chardged themselues with the reseat	70	9	6½
Their Disburstments did appeare to bee with £1 13*s.* 1½*d.* in super alowed	70	15	4½
Soe that thear remains due to the Colectors	0	5	10

Walter Rudinge—Will: ffranke—William: Deane—John Wilkins— Rich: Hill—Rich: Kerby—John Mason—Tho: Drake—Joseph Eason.

* This entry probably shows the origin of the house now occupied by the Vicars of St. Mary's. See Pedigree of Sherman of the Newarke in the Vis. Leic. 1619, and in *Nichols' Leic.* i. 504. Mrs. Margaret Sherman, widow of John Sherman of the Newarke, gave a silver communion bowl and chalice to the old Hospital. † See note on Officers chosen March 28, 1676.

Offisers Chosen March ye 28th 1676.

Churchwardens—Robt Winfild—Robt Lancton.
Colectors—Mr. Johnson & Dannet Polard are ouer Seears & Colectors Choasen by their owne Desier & Jenarall Consent.
Overseears of ye hiewayes Rich Hames & Robt Gambell.

Walter Rudinge—Will ffranke—William Deane—*Edmund** Johnson—Dannett Pollard—Rich Hill—John mason—Rich: Kerby—Joseph Eason.

the Accompt of the colleckters this yeare 1677.	£	s.	d.
that Mr. Johnston hath rece of the pysh	59	12	2½
that hee hath payd..	64	13	3
there is resting dew to Mr. Johnston	5	0	9

the Churchwardens Robert Winfeyld and Robert Lankton for this yeare 1677.

that the have received from the parish	21	13	5
that the have payd	19	15	8
there is resting to the parish	1	17	9

Officers chosen this yeare 1677.

Churchwardens—Robert Lankton and John Wintar in branston gate.
Collecktors for the poore—Edward Maulston, John Duckit.
John Wilkins & Mr. Maston—Ouarseears.
Ouarseears of the higwayes—John Colman yongar, Robert Rooland.

At this meeting the vestrey allow the Churchwardens but 10*s.* for there vyshetation dinar and charges.

Walter Rudinge—William Franke—William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Rich: Hill—Dannett Pollard.

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Noverint universi p' p'sent' nos Joh'em Marshall de Barton in Com' Nott'. labourer & Thom'am Ball d'e Longe Eaton Com' Darby labourer teneri et firmiter obligari Johi' Wilkins et Johi' Mason Curatoribus plebicularu' paroc̃iæ Stæ Mariæ in Burgo Leicr in Com' Leicr in Quadraginta Libris bone et legalis monetæ Angliæ Solvend' eisd' Curatoribus aut suis certis Attornat vel successoribus suis ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend obligamus nos et utramq' nrm p' se p' toto et in solido Heredes Execores et Admores nros firmiter p' p'sentes Sigillis n'ris Sigillat Dat Decimo Sexto die maij Anno r'ni D'ni n'ri Caroli Secundi Dei gratia nunc Angliæ Regis et Vicesimo nono Anno Anno D'ni 1677.

The Condicon of this Obligacon is such that Whereas Hugh Marshall son of the above bounden John Marshall is lately come to dwell &

* This is more like "Edmund" in the signature, but when elected vestryman October 7, 1675, it is clearly Edward.

inhabit within the parish of St. Maryes above menconed If therefore the said Hugh Marshall his wife and Children (if he shall have any) be not at any time or times hereafter any wayes chargeable or burthensom to the above named overseers of the poore or any other of the inhabitants of the said parish of St. Marys or their Successo^{rs} for the time being nor any of them Then the psent. Obligacon to be void or else to be & remain in full force & vertue.

Sealed and delivered in the p^{r}sence Antho: Phillips his Ā marke. Jos: Birkhead.

John + Marshall his marke. (Seal.)

Tho: + Ball his marke. (Seal.)

(*Seal the same Bull's head as in last Bond.*)

Noverint universi p' p'sentes nos Willielmi Measures de Knighton in Com' Leic^{r} Taylor et Willm Moone de Wigston magna in eod' Com' Leic^{r} yeoman teneri et firmiter obligari Johi Wilkins et Johi Mason Curatoribus Plebicular' paroci\u00e6 St\u00e6 Mari\u00e6 in Burgo Leic^{r} in eod' Com' Leic^{r} in Quadraginta libris bon\u00e6 et legalis monet\u00e6 Angli\u00e6 Solvend' eisd' Curatoribus aut suis certis Attornatis vel successoribus suis ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend' Obligamus nos et utrumq' nrm p' se p' toto et in Solido Heredes Exec'ores et Adm'ores nros et utriusq' nrm firmiter p' p'sentes Sigillis nris Sigillat Dat' Decimo Nono die Maij Anno r'ni D'ni n'ri Caroli secundi nunc Angli\u00e6 regis et vicesimo nono Annoq' D'ni 1677.

The Condicon of this obligacon is such that whereas William Measures son of the above bounden William Measures with his wife are lately come to dwell and inhabitt within the Pish of St. Marys above menconed If therefore the said Willm Measures the son his wife nor children (if he shall have any) be not at any time or times hereafter anywayes chargeable or burthensome to the above named Overseers of the poore nor any other of the Inhabitants of the said parish of St Mary's or their successors for the time being nor any of them Then this psent Obligacon to be void and of none effect or else to be & remaine in full force and vertue.

Sealed and delivered in the p^{r}sence of Hugh Marshall × his marke. Jos: Birkhead.

Willm O Measures his marke. (Seal.)

Willm O Noone his marke. (Seal.)

N.B.—*The Seal is indistinct but looks like a flower or fruit.*

Noverint Universi p p'sentes nos Robertu' Allen de Thurmaston in com Leic^{r} Yeoman Johem Sheepy de Burgo Leic^{r} in eod' com' Leic^{r} Sadler et Joh'em. Groce de eod' Burgo Carpenter teneri et firmiter obligari Johi Wilkins & Joh'i Mason Curatoribus Plebicular' paroci\u00e6 S$^{t\u00e6}$ Mari\u00e6 Leic^{r} p'dicto in quadraginta libris bon\u00e6 et legalis monet\u00e6 Angli\u00e6 solvend' eisd' curatoribus plebicul' aut suis certis Attornatis vel successoribus suis adquam quidem Soluconem bene et

fideliter faciend obligamus nos et quemlibet nrm p' se p' toto et in solido Heredes Execores et Admores nros firmiter p' p'sentes Sigillis n'ris Sigillat' Dat' vicesimo quarto die Septembris Anno rni Dni nri Caroli scdi Dei Gratia Angliæ Scociæ ffranciæ et Hibniæ regis fidei defensor' et vicesimo nono. Annoq' Dni 1677°.

The Condicon of this Obligacon is such that whereas one Benjamin a Bastard Child borne of the body of one Elizabeth Chester Spinster whereof one William Allen is the reputed father is come to dwell & inhabitt in the parish of St. Marys aforesaid. If therefore the said Benjamine be not at any time or times hereafter any wayes chargable or burthensom to the above named Overseers for the poore nor any other inhabitants of the said parish or their Successors for the time being Then this p'sent obligacon to be void and of none effect or else to be and remaine in full force & vertue.

Sealed and delivered by the said Robt Allen in the pnce of
Tho: Wadland
Nat: Haslewood
George B Beeby
his marke.

Robert Allen (Seal.)
(Seal.)
(Seal.)

(Wax seals same as before.)

Here follows another Bond (unexecuted) wherein William Allen and Robert Allen both of Thurmaston were apparently intended to be bound for the same Benjamin as in last bond, the date being 3d *April* 1678, *the words being the same.*

this 2th of March of March 78 the acompt of Mr. Edward Maulston & John Duckit Collecktors taken and there is Resting dew to the Parish six pounds one shilling two pence I say 6 1 2

The Acompt of Robart Langton and John Winsar Churchwardens the sam time & there is resting dew the Parish nine shillinge * pence three farthins 0 9 8¾

The Colectors have pd two pound nine shilling for flechers and Joanses rent which thay pd by the Order of Ouer seers & sume of the vestrey was unwilling to have it alowed which makes the Colectors Just three pound twelve & two pence in ye parish debt .. £3 : 12s. : 2d.

The Churchwardens spent 3s more then was alowed.

John Winter & John Skellett .. Churchwardens.
John Coates—Robert Gambell .. Colectors.
Richard Hill & Richard Kerby .. Overseears.
Geo: Martain & Samuell Dwick .. Overseears of the hiewayes.

Will : Franke—William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—John Mason I M—Tho : Drake I D—Richard Hill R H.

* This is written over and crossed out, the writing is very bad and probably the writer did not know how to spell eight.

At a meting of the Magior part of the thirteen of the parish of St. Marye Leic^{r} the 22^{d} day of Aprell 1679. Robert Winfilld was chosen thirten or vestrey man.

The A Cowentt of John Wenter & John Skelett Chorch warden. A Cowented weth the pareshe of St. Maryes the 6 Maye 79 & there is dew to him ffrome the pareshes the some of two poond which hee is to bee pade by the hand of John Skelett now presentt Church warden.

2^{l} 0^{s} 4^{d}

John Coats & Robt Gambell Colectors have pased their account and was found indebted to the parish the sum of two pound eighteen shilling one peny half peney wich was p^{d} in to the Col & church warden to clear and pay off our wine bills 15^{s} p^{d} to Mr. Drake and p^{d} the church warden 2^{l} 0^{s} 4.

1679.

Aprell ye 22 was Chosen parish Offisers.

John Skellit—Thomas Hartson	Churchwardens.
John Wilkinson—Tho: Skethe	Colectors.
Thomas Drak & Robt Winfeild,	Overseers of the pore.
John Colman & ffrancis How,	Over-eears of the hie wayes.

Phillip Abney, Maior—William Deane—John Wilkins—Rich: Kerby R. K—John Mason I M.—Rich: Hill R H—Tho: Drake T: D—Dannett Pollard—Joseph Eason.

Aprell 13 day—1680.

was Chosen paresh oferseers.

Thomas Hartson and Robt Gambell,	Churchwardens.
Joshua Goodrich and Samuel Dwicke,	Colectors.
Dannet Pollard & Mr. Gabrill Hill,	Over Seers of the poore.
Georg Wilkinson and Joseph Earp,	Ouer seears of the hie wayes.

Mr. Gabrill Hill Chosen one of the thirtene.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Rich: Kerby—Richard Hill—Tho: Drake—Rob Winfield.

7 June 1680.

John Skelett and Thomas Harshoren. A Cowentt.

	£	s.	d.
Church wardens A Cowented for the 7 June 1680 & ther is dew frome Thomas harshoren to the parish the some	3	18	11

(qy.) The *Shew* yeares nott yet Alowed.

Septemb^{r} 3^{d} : 1680 : Collected then by ye Vicar & Churchwardens for ye Briefe for redemption of ye Captives in Algiers ye sume of one pound & twelve shillings.

Thomas Hartshorne, } Churchwardens.
Robert Gamble, }

	£	s.	d.
Aprell 5th 1681 the Churchwardens past their acounts and Charged him self with the reseat of 3li : 18s : 11 as was lef sinc last year	3	18	11
and his booke this yeare	10	8	6
for two graues	0	13	4
	15	0	9

	£	s.	d.			
his payments amount too	14	14	7			
his supes for two years	0	11	0			
	15	5	7			
				15	5	7
remaines dwe too him which the Colectors then pd ..				0	5	0
the Colectors Charged theire them selues with the reseat of				76	16	6
discharged them Selues by payments too the poore ..				71	19	0
Super alowed				1	13	6
				73	12	6
remaines dwe too the parish				3	2	1

Ofisers Chosen the 5th of Aprell 1681.

Gabrell Hill and Edmun Johnson,	Ouerseers.
Robt. Gambell & Joshua Gutridg,	Churchwardens.
Mr. Marman Gee & Mr. Robt Needam,	Colectors.
John Charner Richard Streton,	Overseers of ye hiewayes.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—John Mason—Rich. Hill—Gabriell Hill—Thomas Drake—Dannet Pollard—Robert Winfield.

October the 5th 1681.

Att a meeting of the vestrey the day and yeare abousaid: ffrancis How was then elected to be Clerke of the Parish of St. Maries: wthin the Burrough of Leicester: by the Major part of the thirteene then present: whose names are thereunto subscribed.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Rich: Kerby—Edmund Johnson—Gabriell Hill—Richard Hill—John Mason—Tho Dracke—Joseph Eason.

(*N.B.—The following two bonds dated* 1689 *follows next, but there is nothing to show why they were placed here.*)

Noverint universi p' p'sentes nos Thomam Berridge de Countesthorp in Com' Leicr husbandman Willielm' Berridge sen'de Husbandsbosworth in eod' Com' Leicr husbandman teneri et firmiter obligari

Marmion Gee et Richardo Hill curatoribus plebicular' parociæ St^æ Mariæ in Burgo Leic^r in Com Leic^r in viginti libris bonæ et legalis monetæ Angliæ solvend eisdem Curatoribus aut suis certis Attornatis vel successoribus suis Ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend' obligamus nos et utramq' nrm' p'se p' toto et in Solido Heredes Execores et Admores nros et utriusq' nrm' firmiter per p'sentes sigillis nris' sigillat' Dat' sexto die Decembris Anno rni Dni et Dnæ nri Willi' tertiæ et Mariæ Dei gracia nunc Angliæ Regis et Reginæ et primo Anno Dni: 1689.

The condicon of this Obligacon is such that whereas William Berridge Jun' Son of the above bounden Thomas Berridge is lately come to dwell & Inhabit within the parish of St. Mary above me'coned If therefore the said William Berridge jun nor his wife nor Children nor any of them be not at any time or times hereafter any wayes chargeable or burthensome to the above named Overseers for the poore nor any other the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary aforesaid or their Successors for the time being Then this psent Obligacon to be void or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the p'sence of
Mos: Glover:
Jos: Birkhead.

Thomas Berridge
T
his marke. (Seal.)
William Berridge. (Seal.)

Noverint universi per presentes nos Gulielm Wesbey de Seggrave in Comitatu Leic^r Miller Thomam Richardson de Twyford in eod' Com' Leic^r Taylor teneri et firmiter obligari Marmion Gee et Richardo Hill Curatoribus plebicularu' parociæ St. Mariæ Leic^r Quadraginta libris bonæ et legalis monetæ Angliæ solvend eisdem Curatoribus aut suis certis Attornat' vel successoribus suis ad quam quidem Soluconem bene et fideliter faciend' Obligamus Nos et utrumq' Nos' pro se pro toto et in solido Heeredes Exectit^rs et Administratores nro' utrinsq^e nem firmiter per presentes sigillis nostris sigillat Dat Octo' die' ffebruarii Anno regni Dom' et Domiæ' Nostri Gulielmi tertiæ et Mariæ Dei gratia nunc Angliæ regis et Reginæ etc' primo Anno Domi' 1689.

The condicon of this obligacon is such that whereas John Butlin is lately come to Dwell and Inhabit within the parish of St. Maries above menconed'. If therefore the said Jno Butlin nor his wife nor children nor any of them bee not at any time or times hereafter anywayes Chargeable or Burthensome to the above named Overseers for the poore nor any other the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary aforesaid or their successors for the time being. Then this p'sent Obligacon to be void or else to bee and remaine in full force and vertue.

Sealed and delivered in p^rsence of
The marke of
Tho T Marlor
Marmion Gee Junr

The marke XX of Wm Wesbey. (Seal.)
Thomas Richardson. (Seal.)

NOTE. *The seals are of wax, the first a Talbot and the second a swan. Here follow two blank pages.*

The five pound giuen by the last Will and testyment of Mr. Dannet Abney is given as foloeth: 1671.

	£	s.	d.
first to put out Smythes Gearl	0	13	0
to Wido Cooper at seuar'l times	0	15	0
To Thomas Hill at seuarall times	0	7	5
to Will[m] Cooper at seuarall times	0	01	6
To Richard Joenes	0	01	6
To Flecher	0	11	0
To Grace Wyer	0	09	0
To Thomas Gater	0	03	0
To Georg Johnson	0	01	0
To Wido Gater in the fieir lane	0	06	0
To Mary Jdings	0	00	6
To Wido Cooke	0	00	6
To Wido Blunt	0	00	6
To Willm Bentley	0	00	6
To Wido Jaruce	0	01	0
To Wido How	0	00	6
To Wido Worthinton	0	00	6
To Willm Smyth	0	00	6
To Willm Spyders	0	00	6
To Thomas Poyner	0	00	6
Wido ffarin	0	01	0
To Wido Boylson	0	00	6
Wido Smyth	0	00	6
To Thomas Trantam	0	00	6
Elizabeth Brewin	0	00	6
To Elizabeth Ball	0	00	6
To Henry Mickel John	0	00	6
To Wido Litelfare	0	00	6
To Henry Cowel	0	00	6
To Briget Smyth	0	01	0
To Mary Gater	0	00	6
Wido Wyer	0	00	6
To John Handsaw	0	00	6
To George Weterbone	0	00	6
	4	01	11

John Noon	0	2	0
Wido Coopers rent	0	05	0
Wido Wykes	0	0	6
Willm Whyt	0	0	6
Willm Padge	0	0	6
Will[m] Springthorp	0	0	6
ffrancis Wyer	0	0	6
John Carnall	0	0	6
Tho Cooper	0	1	0
Widow Brion	0	0	6

	£	s.	d.
Richard Mason	0	0	6
Wido Hankin	0	0	6
Thomas Tiler	0	0	6
Wido Wiyer	0	0	6
Edward Groce	0	0	6
Wido Wilkinson	0	0	6
Robert Bate	0	0	6
Thomas Beswick	0	0	0
John Jeferey	0	0	6
Thomas Lickrish	0	0	6
John Hartson	0	0	6
Wido Woodcock	0	0	6
Dauid Pirice	0	0	6
ffrancis Ashwell	0	0	6
Wido Cartrit	0	0	6
Wido Rudkin	0	0	6
Andrew Horton	0	0	6
	0	19	6
	4	01	11
	5	01	5

heare is the whole five pound of Mr. Danet Abneys & 1*s.* 5*d.* more.

Richard Hill & John Wilkins Overseers Rec[d] for the Youse of the poore 1670 as foloeth.

	Received at the Vestre of Danett Polard & Thomas Drak at their accompt	2	17	4
Decem 10	of Roger Rower being Doctor Nurses Gift payd out of a pece of ground in Senvey gat which Joseph Right hath latly bought	0	13	4
21	Gathred in ye parish at Cristmas	2	6	7
21	Rec at the Town Hall of Mr. Bentley Chamberlin	7	13	6
	of Philip Abney	0	0	6
	Mr. Danet Abneys gift	5	0	0
	the whole receued is	18	11	3
	payd in the behalf of the parish as apears by this booke	17	14	1
	ther remains dwe to the parish	00	17	2

The names of ye Poor that had ye Christmas money 1670.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will: Bentley	0	1	0	&	0	6
Widdow Cook	0	1	6	&	0	6
Widdow Blunt	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Lee	0	1	6	&	0	6
Tho Lickrish	0	1	0	&	0	6
Richard Parker	0	1	0	&	0	0
Johnathan Oxford	0	1	0	0	0	0
Elizabeth Palmer	0	0	6	0	0	6
Tho Palmer	0	1	0	&	0	6
Marie Edings	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Stretton	0	1	0	&	0	4
Henry Mickle	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Gater	0	1	6	&	1	0
John Winby	0	1	0	&	0	4
John Ashwell	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Worthinton	0	2	0	&	1	0
John Coleman	0	1	0	&	0	0
Will Smyth	0	1	6	&	0	6
Widdow Besson	0	1	0	0	0	0
Will Spiers	0	1	0	0	0	0
Thomas Poyner	0	1	6	&	0	6
Will Newman	0	1	6	&	0	6
John Noon	0	1	0	&	0	6
Henry Gater	0	1	0	&	0	6
Anthony Pole	0	1	0	&	0	6
	1	8	6	0	10	0
Widdow Pole	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow ffarin	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Boylson	0	2	0	&	1	0
Widdow Smyth	0	1	0	&	0	4
Thomas Trantam	0	1	6	&	0	6
Elizabeth Brewin	0	1	0	0	0	0
Elizabeth Ball	0	1	0	&	0	4
Richard Hill	0	0	6	0	0	0
Widdow Litlefare	0	1	0	&	0	4
James Bruce	0	1	0	0	0	0
Henry Cowell	0	1	6	0	0	6
Bridget Smyth	0	2	0	0	0	4
Bartholomew Howet	0	1	6	0	0	6
Mary Gater	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Wyre	0	1	6	&	1	0
Thomas Hill	0	1	6	&	1	0
John Handsaw	0	1	0	&	0	4
George Wetherborn	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdow Hinman	0	2	0	&	0	6
Widdow Wykes	0	1	0	&	0	6
ffarancis Wyere	0	1	0	0	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will Springthorp	0	1	0	0	0	0
Will Page	0	1	0	0	0	4
Will Whyte	0	1	6	&	1	0
	1	9	6	0	9	10
John Carnall	0	2	0	&	1	0
Widdow Brion	0	1	0	0	0	0
Thomas Cooper	0	1	0	&	0	4
Richard Mason	0	1	0	0	0	4
Widd: Hankin	0	2	0	&	0	10
Thomas Tiller	0	2	0	&	0	6
Widdow Wyer	0	1	6	&	1	0
Eddward Groce	0	2	0	&	1	0
Will Wilkson	0	1	6	&	1	0
Robert Bate	0	0	6	0	0	0
Georg Kellett	0	1	6	0	0	6
Thomas Mathas	0	1	6	0	0	6
Will Cooper	0	1	0	&	0	6
Widdo Cooper	0	1	0	&	0	6
Richard Joans	0	1	0	&	0	6
Thomas fflecher	0	1	0	&	0	6
Grace Wharton	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdo Cooper	0	2	0	&	1	6
George Johnson	0	1	6	&	0	6
Widdow How	0	1	6	&	0	6
Widdo Brown	0	2	0	&	1	0
Widdo Jarvis	0	1	6	&	0	6
Thomas Beswick	0	1	0	0	0	0
Andrew Goadby	0	1	0	0	0	0
John Jeffrey	0	1	0	0	0	0
	1	14	0	0	13	4

layd out for ye Parish as foloeth.

April	6	to Mr. Alsops for an alouenc in bread to Cotes in prison	0	6	6
	7	p[d] to Dal Boylson for Wilsons Child	0	1	0
	16	p[d] her	0	1	0
	23	p[d] her	0	1	0
	30	p[d] her	0	1	0
		p[d] for mending Powels boyes shewes	0	0	4
May	6	p[d] Dal Boylsons for Wilsons Child	0	1	0
	13	p[d] her	0	1	0
	13	p[d] to Goodif Woodcock	0	2	0
		p[d] for mending Powels shwes	0	0	6
	16	p[d] for handcarchifes & bands & dresins ..	0	3	0
	20	p[d] Dall Boylson for Wilsons Child	0	1	0
	27	p[d] to her..	0	1	0

			£	s.	d.
June	3	p[d] her	0	1	0
	7	p[d] for two blew Aporns for powel	0	2	0
		for mending powels shues	0	0	6
	10	p[d] Dal Boylson	0	1	0
	17	p[d] her	0	1	0
	21	p[d] for Shirts for powels children	0	5	6
		p[d] Bartell Howets wyef	0	0	6
	24	p[d] Dall Boylson	0	1	0
aug	16	p[d] for two pare of hose for Powels children ..	0	2	8
		to Wido Brown to bury her child	0	1	4
oct	12	for two shifts for Wilkinsons child	0	2	4
		p[d] for Clothes for Willm Smythes boy ..	0	13	4
novem	29	p[d] for 2 pare of shewes for powels children ..	0	3	8
	29	p[d] James Wyers wyef	0	0	6
	30	p[d] for James Wyers wynding shete	0	2	6
		p[d] for coals	0	1	6
		p[d] for bread	0	1	0
		p[d] for meat	0	1	0
		p[d] for beare	0	0	6
feb		p[d] Tho hills wyef	0	0	6
	3	p[d] for mending Powels Children Shwes ..	0	1	2
		p[d] Dal Boylson to bury wilsons Child ..	0	3	0
			3	7	10

	£	s.	d.			
Widdo Barsby	0	0	6	0		
Tho Lickrish	0	1	0	0		
John Hartshorn	0	0	6	0	0	4
Thomas Gater	0	1	0	&	0	4
Widdo Woodcok	0	1	6	&	0	4
George Kenelm	0	1	0	0	0	0
ffrancis Ashwell	0	2	0	0	0	0
Dauid Price	0	1	0	0	0	0
Goody Cartright	0	1	0	0	0	0
Widdo Rudkin	0	1	0	&	0	4
Andrew Horton	0	1	6			
	0	12	0	0	1	4
to put Tho Mathoes into the hospital		13	4			
to Rinet for widow Jaruis Rent		18	0			
to y[e] Goeal	0	5	0			
to ye Masbaror	0	1	0			
to Cryer and Bidel..	0	2	0			
to y[e] towne Clarkes boy	0	1	0			
to John Joens	0	1	0			
Wido Coopers half a eyears rent	0	5	0			
	2	18	4			
	0	1	4			
	3	7	10			

£	s.	d.
2	7	4
1	19	4
1	18	6
5	1	5
17	14	1

(*Three pages here left blank, one page headed* "The names of all those that pay Colection and How much Each man payeth" *but no entries.*)

Apr. the 18th 1682.

The Accompt of Marmion Gee and Robert Needham Collectors for the poore of St. Maries parish in and belonging to Leicester for the yeare 1681 for money receved and paid by them for weekly Collection to ye poore towards there releife and house rents and other necessary payments Concerning them by order of the Overseers as hereafter ffolloweth,

	£	s.	d.
The first Levie made the 6th day of July 1681 being one quarters tax as appears by the booke the Collectors tax being deducted is	10	09	09½
The 2d Levie made ye 5th of October 1681 being a two quarters tax as appears by the booke the Collectors taxes being deducted is	20	14	08
The 3d Levie made the 3d of January 1681 being a two quarters tax as may appear by the book the same deduction being made is	21	05	11½
The 4th Levie made the 20th of March 1681 being a two quarters tax as appears by the sd Levie the same deductions being made .. .. .. is	21	01	07½
Sume Totall of the aforesaid Levies are ..	73	12	00½

Whereof

Paid by Marmion Gee for weekly collection and other payments as ffolloweth:

To the poore by order of the overseers the first weekly payment being on fryday the 8th of Aprill 1681: as by particulars of the names of the poore people may appeare	01	00	02
The Same paid the 15th of Apr	01	00	02
The Same paid the 22th of Apr	01	00	02
The Same paid the 29th of Apr	01	00	02
The Same paid the 6th of May 1681:	01	00	02
Totall of payments on the page	05	00	10

	£	s.	d.
Brought over from the other side for paym^{t} to the poore	05	00	10
Paid to the poore May the 13th 1681	01	00	02
And May the 20th	01	00	02
And May the 27th	01	00	02
And June ye 3^{d} 1681	00	19	08
And paid June ye 10th	00	19	08
And paid June ye 17th	00	19	08
The same paid June ye 24th	00	19	08
The same paid July ye 1st 1681	00	19	08
The same paid July ye 8th	00	19	08
The July the 15th	00	19	08
The same paid July the 22th	00	19	08
The same July the 29th	00	19	08
And paid the same August ye 5th 1681	00	19	08
And paid August the xijth	00	19	08
And August the 19th	00	19	08
And paid August the 26th	00	19	08
And paid September the 2^{d} 1681	00	19	02
The same September 16th	00	19	02
The same September 23th	00	19	02
The same paid September the 30th 19*s.* ij^{d} And to Dannet Pollard xviij^{d} the Same week for keepinge a bastard child of Ann Abbotts by order wch makes the weekly paym^{ts} to be that week	01	00	08
Sum̃e Totall of the weekly paid by Marmion Gee being in all 26 weeks as appeare before mentioned in this Accompt	25	14	10
And paid by Marmion Gee to Mr. Jo: Jesson for a years rent of Widd Bruce house due the 29th of Septemb: 1680 by order	00	13	04
And to Mr. Dand for a years rent of the s^{d} house due the 29th of September 1681..	00	13	04
To Mr. Gabriell Hill as appears by particulars for money layd out by him Upon Severall necessary occasions Concerning the poore by bill is	04	06	07
To Jacob Botomley July the xjth 1681 for the allowance of bread for ye prisoners in the Towne Gayole by order	00	03	01½
To James Ridley by order towards the Constables charges wthin the Burrough of Leicester at Midsomer 1681 ..	00	03	00
To him for the like at Micha': 1681	00	03	00
To Henry Marshall for a halfe years rent of Rich: Parsons his house due the 24th of June 1681 by order	00	05	06
To John Mitchell for a halfe years rent of Widdow Billingtons house due in August 1681: by order	00	10	06
Paid for writing two books for the two first Levies being the usall allowance	00	02	00
Paid to the Towne Clerks man for a warr^{t} of Distress against those persons that refuseth to pay there taxes to the poore	00	02	06

	£	s.	d.
Allowed to the Collectors for Ingrossing there Accompts according to the usall allowance	00	01	06
Sume Totall of the disburs[ts] on this page for house rents and other necessary disbursments Concerning the poore	07	04	04½

Weekly paym[ts] by Mr. Needham.

To y[e] poore by order of the overseers the 7th of October 1681 : for one weeke as by particulars appears ..	01	01	10
To them October ye 14th	01	01	06
To them October y[e] 21th	01	01	06
To the same October 28th	01	01	10
And paid November the 4th 1681	01	01	10
And paid November the 11th	01	01	10
And paid November y[e] 18th as appears	01	03	04
And paid November 25th	01	03	04
And paid December the 2[d]	01	03	04
And paid December the 9th	01	02	04
The same paid December 16th	01	02	04
The same paid December 23th	01	02	04
And paid December the 30th	01	02	04
And paid January the 6th 1681 (*sic.*)	01	01	10
And January the 13th 01 02 04 and more by order that week x[d] in toto	01	03	02
And paid January the 20th..	01	03	02
And paid January the 27th..	01	03	02
And paid ffebruary the 3[d] 1681 (*sic.*)	01	03	02
And ffebruary the 10th	01	03	02
And ffebruary the 17th	01	03	02
And ffebruary the 24th	01	02	08
And paid March 3[d] 1681 (*sic.*)	01	02	08
And paid March 10th	01	02	08
And paid March 17th	01	02	08
And paid March 24th	01	02	08
And paid March 31th 1682..	01	02	08
And paid Aprill the 7th 1682	01	02	08
And paid Aprill the 14th 1682 being the last weekly paym[t]	01	02	08
Sume Totall of the weekly Collection paid by Robert Needham being 28 weeks as aforesaid is	31	11	10

By pay[mts] by Robert Needham by the order of the Overseers as ffolloweth.

To John Mitchell for a halfe years rent of Widdow Billingtons house due in ffebruary 1681	00	10	6
To James Ridley for and towards the Const' charges w[th]in y[e] Burrough of Leicester at St. Thomas 1681 ..	00	03	00

	£	s.	d.
To Mr. Edmund Cradock by order upon bill for Cloth for poore children	01	17	02
To ffr: How upon bill ffebruary the 3d for makeing of Clothes	00	04	08
Paid to Mr. John Mason by order for money layd out for Ashwells boy and keeping him	01	00	00
Paid to Mr. Malson for one halfe yeares rent of Ashwells house by order December the 10th 1681	01	00	00
Paid to Mr. Bellamy for a halfe yeares rent of Widdow Rowlands house by order dated November the 18th 1681..	00	06	06
To ffrancis How more upon bill November the 30th 1681	00	11	05
To Mr. Edward Malson more for one years rent of Widdow: Bulls house by order—November the 18th 1681:	01	08	00
To Mr. Mason for bread and beere at Ashwells wife burying	00	04	00
To Georg Greisley by order for Ashwells Children ..	—	—	—
To ffrancis How upon another bill by order dated March the 21th 1681	00	06	04
To Mr. Hill by order as appears upon bill	01	01	00
disbursed on this page	08	12	07

Brought over from the other side for disbursments	08	12	07
Paid to Madam ffranck for one years rent of Widdow Jannels house due the 25th of March 1682	01	00	00
And to Mr. Malson for one halfe years rent of Widd Bulls house due the 25th of March 1682	00	14	00
Paid to Matthew ffisher for one years of Widdow Chamberlins house due the 25th of March 1682 ..	00	10	00
To James Ridley for the Constables charges at Lady Day 1682:	00	03	00
To Mr. John Wilkins for one years rent of Johnsons and Cowpers houses due at Lady Day 1682:	01	04	00
To Mr. Phillipp: Abney for one years rent of Amey Michells house due the Second of ffebruary 1681 ..	00	10	00
ffor writing of two books for two levies	00	02	00
To be paid to Samuell Duick one of the last Collectors for money due to him upon the foot of his Accompt by order	01	01	02
Sume Totall of the paymts for house rents and other necessary disbursments concerning the poore and by Robert Needham on this accompt are	13	16	09

Apr the 18th 1682:

				£	s.	d.
Sume Totall of the weekly collection to the poore and other payments Concerning them paid by Marmion Gee and Robert Needham as by the particulars before mentioned in this Accompt appears are	78	07	9½	79	08	02
And discharged by Supers as by a note appears	01	00	04½			
Sume Totall of the foure Levies wch the Collectors charged themselves wth upon this Accompt are ..				73	12	00½
Remayneth due to the Accomptants from the parish wch they have paid more then received upon this there Accompt made the 18th day of Aprill 1682: ..				05	16	01½

Wee allow this Accompt—William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Richard Kirby—Richard Hill—Edmund Johnson—John Mason—Gabriell Hill—Robert Winfield.

Aprill the 18th 1682.

The Accompt of Robert Gamble and Joshuah Guttridg Churchwardens as ffolloweth

				£	s.	d.
Recd by them: upon one Levie being a two quarters tax and other receipts for Graues as appears is				22	12	03½
And disbursed by the Churchwardens as by the Particulars appears is				25	14	02
Receipts as aforesaid				22	12	03½
Remaines due to the Churchwardens upon this Accompt				03	01	11

William Deane—Phillip Abney—Edmund Johnson—Richard Kerbey Richard Hill—John Mason—Gabriell Hill—Robert Winfield.

Aprill the 18tn 1682.

It was ordered by the vestry that no Churchwardens Shall lay out for the future aboue forty Shillings wthout the Consent of the Major part of the thirteene.

And it is further Orderd the day and yeare aboue said that no Churchwardens for the future shall be allowed not any more then twelve shillings at a Visitation Dinner and if he or they expend more they shall not be allowed it but pay the Same themselves.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—John Mason—Richard Hill—Richard Kerby—Robert Winfield.

Officers chosen the 18th of Aprill 1682.

Mr. Edmund Johnson—Mr. John Mason,	Overseers of the poore.
Josuah Guttridg—Mr. Marmion Gee,	Churchwardens.
Mr. John Dand—Joseph Travell,	Collectors.
Ffrancis Smith and Robert Licorish,	Overseers of ye highwayes.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—John Mason—Richard Hill—Gabriell Hill—Richard Kerbey—Robert Winfield.

At A Meeting of the vestrey Decembr ye 4th 1682 the vestrey chose Mr. Marmion Gee one of the vestrey.

William Ruding—William Deane—Phillip Abney—Edmund Johnson John Mason—John Wilkins—Dannett Pollard—Rich: Kerby—Tho. Drake—Joseph Eason—Robert Winfeild.

The Accompt of Jossuah Guttridg and Marmion Gee Churchwardens as ffolloweth:

Disbursed by them as by the particulars appeares is ..	17	17	05
Recd towards that sume upon a Levie of a quarters and a halfe tax and other receipts	15	15	08¼
Remaines due to the Accomptantt	02	01	08¾
Due to Mr. Dand one of the Collectors for the poore upon his Accompt	01	16	01½
And to Joseph Travell	04	10	07

Wee doe allowed of these Accompts thus Stated the 10th of Aprill 1683.

William Deane—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—Richard Kerbey John Mason—Rob. Winfieild.

Offisers chosen the 10th of Aprell 1683.

Mr. Marmion Gee & Mr. Robt. Needam,	Churchwardens.
John Neall & John Colman,	Colectors.
Mr. John Wilkins—Joseph Eason,	Overseers of ye poore.
Hannell Langton and Roger ffawsett,	Overseers of ye highwayes.

William Deane—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—Richard Kerby—John Mason—Rob Winfeild.

Recd the 10th of Aprill 1683 of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mason of Mr. Watts his money the sum of ffourteene pounds Eleaven Shillings and three pence I say recd	14	11	3
John Wilkins			
recd Since of Mr. Johnson	2	0	0
	16	11	3

	£	s.	d.
P[d] too ffor the poore as apears by an noat alowed by the ouerseers	15[li]	01	5
remaines	01	09	10
reseued at town hall	7	3	6
Gother against Cristmas	1	16	6
Mr. Norises gift	1	7	4
	11	17	2
Given away at Christmas and after by the ouerseers and order of the vestry as apear by noats from John Wilkins and Josep Eason the sume of thirteen pound foure shilling and six pence	13	4	6
reseeued as apears one the botom of the leaf backward ..	11	17	2
remaines dwe to John Wilkins one of the Ouerseers ..	1	7	4

The Accompts of Marmion Gee and Rob[t] Needham Churchwardens Standeth thus the first of Aprill 1684.

Disbursed as by the particulars appears upon there Accompt	21	02	06¼
Reed upon a Levie and other Casuall profitts	17	06	04
Remaines due to the Churchwardens	03	16	02¼

The Accompt of the Collectors for the poore standeth thus.

rec[d] upon foure double levies as by y[e] booke appears ..	84	06	06
Disbursed as by particulars appears upon there Accompt and Suppers	93	11	03½
and rec[d] as afores[d]	84	06	06
Remaines due to y[e] Collectors	09	04	09½
And to y[e] overseers as abousd	01	07	04
Toto to ye overseers and Collectors	10	12	1½

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Marmion Gee—John Mason—Joseph Eason—Robert Winfield.

Officers chosen by the vestrey for the parish of St. Maries the first of Aprill 1684.

Thomas Drake—Marmion Gee,	Overseers.
Mr. Robert Needham—Mr. John Dann,	Churchwardens.
ffrancis Smith—Edward Broughton,	Collectors for the poor.
Thomas Smith and William Bunney,	Overseers of the high wayes.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Marmion Gee—John Mason—Thos: Drake—Robt Winfeild.

At a meeting of the vestrey the 8th of January 1684 Robt Lancton & Joshua Gutrid was Chosen Vesterymen.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Rich: H: Hill—Tho: T: Drake—Joseph Eason.

The Accompt of Robt Needham and John Dann Churchwardens the 21th of Aprill 1685: Stands thus.

	£	s.	d.
Disbursed as by ye particulars appears	25	01	09
And receipts are	22	05	08
remaines due to ye Churchwardens	02	16	01
And due to Marmion Gee for a graue wch he Charged himself wth of Attens	00	06	08

The Accomp^{t} of ffr: Smith and Edward Broughton Stands thus.

Disbursed by them	83	12	00
Receits are	83	06	00
remaines due to them	00	06	00

William Deane—Phillip Abney—John Wilkins—Edmund Johnson—Richard Hill—Thomas Dracke—Marmion Gee—Joseph Eason—Robert Winfeild—Robert Langton.

Officers Chosen by the Vestrey for the Parish of St. Maries the 21th day of Aprill 1685.

Mr. Rich: Hill—Robert Langton,	Overseers of the poor.
Mr. John Dand—Edwd Broughton,	Churchwardens.
Mr. John Howes—Wm Bunney,	Collectors.
John Whipps—Jonathan Sutton,	Overseers of the high wayes.

William Deane—Phillip Abney—Edmund Johnson—Marmion Gee—Tho. Drake—John Wilkins—Rich Hill—Joseph Eason—Robert Winfeild—Robert Langton.

Memorandum: That Wee, Samuell Duick and Thomas Brown of the Burrough of Leicester Masons have agreed upon the day of the date hereof with the Major part of the Vestrey of St. Maries in Leicester upon a meeting for the jointing of the Steeple from the Battlements up to the weather Cock and to putt all Stones in the proper places and to find all mortar Lime and all other materialls excepting Stones or Iron worke and to haue for the said work the Sume of thirteene pounds when

it is perfectly so done And if there be an occasion for the takeing downe the South west window and such Stones above the Same and belowe y^t^ is needfull and to Sett them in there order againe then it is agreed that they Shall have three pounds more. Witness our hands to this Agreement the 22th day of May 1685: wch said work they are to Enter upon the same for the Dueing of it betweene this and the 18th of June next after the date aforsaid.

The names of the vestrey y^t^ agreed wth them are as ffollows.

Samuell Deuick.
The marke of
Tho 8 Browne.

Mr. Abney.
Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Mason.
Mr. Johnson.
Mr. Drake.
Mr. Eason.
Mr. Gee.
Mr. Langton.
Mr. Gutteridge,

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The Accounts of John Dann and Edward Braughton Churchwardens of St. Maries In Leicester for the yeare 1685.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Aprill			
21 p^d^ to the Ringers when I was chosen Churchwarden	0	1	0
p^d^ to the Ringers of St. George Day being king James the 2 Coronation	0	5	0
p^d^			
May to Thomas Hickbottom for a hedge hogg	0	0	4
2 to George Groces wife for a hedg hogg	0	0	4
p^d^ to Mr. Fox for parchment and ingroceing the Regester for Marriges Crissenings and Burialls which was delivered into the corte	0	3	4
p^d^ to Mr. Stephens for corte ffees at the vissitation at Easter	0	3	8
p^d^ for a bill at the visitation	0	0	6
p^d^ for fileing the register	0	1	0
p^d^ to the Apalliter for Summons	0	1	0
p^d^ to Samuell Duick and Thomas Brown by the vestreymens orders when they went up to vew the defect of the Steeple	0	1	0
p^d^ to the Apalliter for a booke for the observations of the 29th of May	0	0	6
p^d^ to Henry Cotton of Coventrey when he came the first time by order of the vestreymen	0	10	0
Spent of him at Mr. Robersons & Mr. Masons when they did discorce with him	0	4	8
given to the Ringers when he vewed the Steeple	0	1	0
p^d^ to Samuell Duick and Thomas Brown by order of the vestrey men	0	10	0

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
p[d] to the Ringers the 29th of May	0	5	0
p[d] for horse hier and labor and charges in going to Litchfeeld for a Workeman to mend the Steeple	0	13	0
	3	1	4
p[d] to Richard Cave for 40 yards of matten to kneele on at the Sacrament	0	10	8
Spent at Mr. Rebersons when they agreed with Henry Cotton	0	6	0
p[d] to the Ringers at that time	0	1	0
p[d] to Henry Varnom for his journey from Litchfeeld ..	0	10	0
p[d] to Mr. Temple for drawing Artickles and bonds of Agreement betwixt the Vestrey men and Henry Cotton for repairing of the Steeple	0	13	4
p[d] to Mr. Mason for ale and tobacko when the Vestrey men mett Henry Varnom that came from Litchfeeld about the repaires of the Steeple & for his dinner and for corn and hay for his horse	0	8	0
p[d] for A visitation dinner	0	12	0
p[d] to George Groces wife for 5 young Hedge hoggs and An old one	0	1	2
p[d] to John Willkings Daughter for a Hedge hogge ..	0	0	4
p[d] to the Ringers for Joy of the vicktory the King gat over Manmouth*	0	5	0
p[d] to Francis Wier for Midsomer quarteridge	0	7	2
p[d] to Francis Wier for the Ringers for joy that Munmouth was lately routed*	0	6	0
p[d] to Francis How for Midsomer quarteridge	0	0	4½
p[d] to Francis Wier for the ringers for ringing upon the 26th of July being thanksgiving day	0	5	0
p[d] to William Billings for a prayer Booke and the Kings proclamation for a thanksgiveing being the 26th of July ..	0	1	0
given to John Billers† which had a very great losse by Seay comeing from Barbads	0	1	0
paid to Henry Andrews for Sordering the weather cocke ..	0	1	6
	4	9	6½
p[d] to George Groces Daughter for a hedg hogg	0	0	4
p[d] to George Groces Wife for a hedg hogg	0	0	4
p[d] to Madam Franks man for a hedg hogg	0	0	4
Given to Frances Goreing widdow which Lost five Hundred pound by fire at Rodwell in the County of Linkhorne ..	0	1	0
p[d] to Mr. Wilkins for worke done at the weather cocke As apears by his bill	0	7	6
p[d] to Widdow Garlands Sonn for Gilding the weather cocke by order of the vestry men	1	0	0
Given to Henry Cottons Son when he brought down the weather cock	0	1	0

* The victory of the royal army over the Duke of Monmouth at Sedgmoor on the 6th July, 1685.

† This and other similiar gifts must have been a mere compliment expressive of sympathy, see gift afterwards to Frances Goreing.

	£	s.	d.
p[d] to Henry Cotton for takeing downe and getting up 5 yards of the top of the spire* And takeing out severall partes of the Squares below and poynting the Steeple round to the Battlements	36	18	0
p[d] to Widdow Garlands Sonn for Laying the top of the Steeple In oyle and culler	0	12	0
p[d] to Mr. Mason for Ale when the Vestrey men mett to vew the worke which he had done	0	3	0
Given to Henry Cotton and his men In bread and Ale at Severall times whilst the Steeple was repairing ..	0	12	0
Spent of the workemen when they tooke downe the Leathers* and the Scaffolds	0	1	0
p[d] to Josuah Goodrich for the Use of ten planks to make Scaffolds when the Steeple was repairing	0	3	0
p[d] to Mr. Roberson And Mr. Ward for the Use of Leathers† about the Steeple	0	7	6
p[d] to Francis Wier for Clenging the Church After the Steeple was Repaired And carring home the Leathers†.. ..			
p[d] for a *li.* of candles for the Vestrey	0	0	5
p[d] to John Coulsons boy for a hedg hogge	0	0	4
p[d] to the palliter for Summons to the visitation	0	0	6
p[d] to Francis Wier for micklemas quarteridge	0	7	2
p[d] to John Bonner for a ffox taken in Brawnson Lordshipp..	0	1	0
	40	17	11

p[d] to Thomas Wall for new bedding the Brasses And trussing up the forth bell And allowance for Ale	0	3	6
p[d] to Francis Wier for ringing upon the 14th of October being the King's Bearth Day	0	5	0
p[d] to Francis How his quarteridge	0	0	4½
Octo. 22 p[d] to Mr. Steephens‡ for courte ffees at the visitation	0	2	6
p[d] to his Clarke for riteing a Bill	0	0	6
p[d] to Francis Wier for Ringing the 5th of November ..	0	3	4
p[d] for visitation Dinner	0	12	0
p[d] for drawing the Agreement which wee maid with Mr. Manens for the Stone Steps which Are to be Used in the Church and for other charges at that time	0	3	6
p[d] to Francis Wier for St. Thomas Days quarteridge ..	0	7	2
p[d] to Francis How for his quarteridge	0	0	4½
p[d] to John Browne for his halfe years repaire of St. Maries Church Lane	0	5	0
p[d] to John Browne for Stuffe and laying downe Mr. Johnsons childe grave	0	1	4

* From this entry, it would seem that the upper portion of the spire was taken down and replaced in 1685; and the whole, from the battlements upwards, was jointed. † This must mean what are now called "Ladders."

‡ Mr. Tyringham Stephens was Registrar to the Bishop of Lincoln and to the Archdeacon of Leicester. He was born 16 and bapt. at St. Martin's 29 May 1635, and died 20 and bur. 21 June 1710 at St. Mary's. He resided in the Newark. See Mon. Inscr. in *Nichols' Leic.* i. 319, and Pedigree in vol. i. 587.

given to Thomas Spenser of overton in the County of yorke which had A very great loss by fire	0	1	0
p^{d} to John Browne for a fox taken in Braunson Lordshipp ..	0	1	0
Given to two Sea men which had a letter of requeest ..	0	0	6
p^{d} to Wm Billins Apalliter for a booke of prayers to be read In the Church on the 30th of January	0	0	6
for halfe a c of Coles for the vestrey	0	0	5
for halfe a *li.* of candles for the vestrey..	0	0	2½
for a new Staple for the first bell And charcole Used when wee put the Staple in	0	10	0
to Francis How and Francis Wier and for other helpe when when we put in the Staple	0	1	6
p^{d} to Francis Wier for ringing the 6th of February 1685 when King James began his Raine	0	3	0
	3	2	8½
p^{d} to James Redley for a new frame for the table of Charitable Guifts	0	3	0
p^{d} for parchment And riteing the severall Guifts that is given to the poore of this Parish	0	6	0
given to John Maude of Middle Secks which had a letter of request	0	1	0
p^{d} to John Shippy for a new Bell rope for the forth Bell ..	0	4	6
p^{d} to Mr. Cooke tanner for Leather for the Boldricks of the 5 bells	0	1	8
p^{d} to John Stafford for a fox taken in Brawnson Lordshipp ..	0	1	0
p^{d} to Edward Braughton for Broade quarrills for the Church As appears by his bill	0	16	9
p^{d} to Francis Wier for bringing the tiles to the Church ..	0	0	4
p^{d} to William Hall for glass and Glazing the Church Windows as apeares by his bill	1	13	5
p^{d} to Francis Wier fo 2 dayes Worke in helping William Hall	0	1	4
p^{d} for 2 great Candles for the vestry	0	0	1
for wood and coles for the vestrey	0	0	4
Spent of the wagginners in bread And Ale that brought In the 2 loade of Stone for the Steps	0	1	0
p^{d} to Francis Wier And Bartle Howett for carring the Stone into the Church	0	0	8
for 3 great purs And collering up the 4th Bell In the yoake	0	0	8
for 2 H plates And nailes And getting them on the great Bell wheele	0	0	6
for Iron And makeing a bar longer for the lowe lauft ..	0	0	4
for 8 great purs And 6 great collers And 2 Iron pins for the forth Bell frame	0	1	6
for mending A screw pin And for 2 plates	0	0	4
for a staple for the clocke	0	0	1
for a strike of lime And A peck of Sand to Francis Wier ..	0	0	7
for 2 small bars to William Hall	0	0	4
for halfe a c of coles for the Westrey	0	0	5
	3	15	10

	li.	s.	d.
p[d] to Francis Wier for Lady Dayes quarteridge	0	7	2
p[d] to Francis How for Lady Dayes quarteridge	0	0	4½
p[d] to Francis How for Weshing 2 Sorplises 5 times apeece & for washing other Table linnen this Eare	0	9	0
p[d] to the Palliter for a booke of Directions concerning preachers	0	1	0
p[d] to Mr. Wagg-Staff for wine used at severall sacraments as apears by his bill	2	6	4
p[d] to Samuell Duick for worke done at the church as Apears by his bill	0	13	9
p[d] to Jonn Browne for his halfe years Sallery for St. Maries Church lane due at Lady Day	0	5	0
p[d] to Mr. Newton for Wine used at Severall Sacramentes & upon other occasion as Apears by his bill	2	6	4
p[d] for Riteing 3 tax books	0	3	0
p[d] to Mis Needom being to her att the ffoote of her hosband Acomp	2	16	1
p[d] more to her which could not be goten of Thomas Weathers	0	1	8
Allowed to the Churchwardens for there paines in Stateing there Accompts being Somthing extraordinary this yeare..	00	03	00
To Mr. Gee for a grave y[t] he charged himself wth when he was churchwarden of Robert Attons w[ch] y[e] parish did allowe	00	06	08
p for 2 flag beesoms for the clarke & Seckston	0	0	7½*
	10	0	8

Receits.

A two quarters tax granted by the vestrey for the repaires of the Steeple June the 12th 1685.

	li.	s.	d.
The Churchwardens tax being Allowed which comes to ..	20	9	7½

A nother two quarters tax Granted for the repares of the Steeple August the 7th

	li.	s.	d.
The Churchwardens tax being Allowed comes to	20	7	9
Another two quarters tax for the repaires of the Church Granted by the Vestrey February the 20th which comes to, the Churchwardens tax being Allowed	20	15	6
	61	12	10½

Receive for Graves for the Church.

	li.	s.	d.
of Mr. Richard Mason for a Grave in the Church for his Sonn	0	6	8
of Widdow Atton for her husbands Grave In the Church ..	0	6	8
of Mr. Johnson† for a childes Grave	0	6	8

* This last amount and the pence of the Total are obscured by a blot.

† George son of Edmund Johnson was buried at St. Mary's, Leicester, 18th May 1685, (*cf. Leic. Peds. and Royal Descents*, p. 158).

of Mr. Geary for a Childes Grave	0	6	8
for Mrs. Rudings* Grave	0	6	8
for Mr. Suttons Sons Grave	0	6	8
for Lady Jessons† Daughters Grave	0	6	8
for Mr. Fraziors Grave A Minister which died at Doctor Seatons	0	6	8
for Lady Jessons † Sonns Grave	0	6	8
for Mr. Malsons Sons Grave	0	6	8
	64	19	6½

Received of the Newarkers‡ towards the repaires of St. Maries Spire when it was taken downe their free Guift As ffolloweth.

of Lady Jesson	0	7	6
of Mr. Stephens	0	10	0
of Madam Francke	0	10	0
of Mr. Wadland	0	5	0
of Mrs. Bond	0	1	0
Mr. Pallmer	0	5	0
Mrs. Allam	0	1	6
Francis Hardy	0	0	6
Mr. Beckitt	0	5	0
Mr. Wellden	0	3	0

* "Jane Rudinge Gent[n] was buryed October 10th. Affidavit was received 13," (*St. Mary's Register*, 1685). She was wife of Walter Ruding of Westcotes, and only daughter of Richard Inge Alderman of Leicester, and died 9th Oct. 1685, aged 64. See Mon. Inscr. in *Nichols' Leic.*, i. 317, and Pedigree of Ruding in Vol. iv., 568-9.

† "Margaret Jesson Daughter of Sir William Jesson was buryed Decemb. 22 Affidavit was received Decemb. 28." "Thomas the son of S[r] William Jesson was buryed Januar. 9. Affidavit was received Januar. 14." (*St. Mary's Register*, 1685.) Margaret Jesson and Thomas Jesson were two of the younger children of Sir William Jesson, Knt. of Burleigh Park, co. Leicester, and of New-house, Coventry, co. Warwick, by his second wife Penelope, dau. of Sir George Villiers, 2nd Bart. of Brooksby. Sir Wm. Jesson and Penelope had other issue, Villiers Jesson, who died unm. at Chicheley in 1690, Anne who married Sir James Robinson 3rd Bart. of Cranford, and Penelope who married George Hewett esq. of Stretton. Sir William Jesson's first wife was Jane, dau. of Matthew Babington esq. of Rothley Temple; by her he had a son William Jesson, of Langley Hall. See R. E. Chester Waters' *The Chesters of Chicheley*, pp. 594-5.

‡ This list of the principal inhabitants of the Newarke in 1685 has much interest. For particulars about "Lady Jesson," see above. "Mr. Stephens" was no doubt Tyringham Stephens, Registrar to the Bishop, who was b. in 1635, and bur. at St. Mary's in 1710. "Madam Francke" was probably Alice daughter of Gilbert Armstrong esq. of Rempstone, and second wife of William Franke of the Newarke, High Sheriff in 1674 and Mayor of Leicester in 1658, he died in 1679, and was bur. at St. Martin's; he lived in the house, afterwards Mr. Pares', in the Newark, and was a benefactor to the Hospital. "Mr. Wadland" was probably Thomas Wadland, whose daughter Mary married Lawrence Carter (father of the Judge, and M.P.); see *Nichols' Leic.* i. 319; the Wadland Pedigree was entered at the Vis. of Leic. in 1683. "Mr. Palmer" was probably James, who was buried at St. Mary's; see Mon. Inscr. in *Nichols' Leic.* i. 318. "Mr. Beckitt" was probably George Becket, Mayor of Leicester in 1675 and 1691; he was a benefactor to the old Hospital, and died 11 August 1692, and was bur. in St. Mary's. "Mr. Bent" was perhaps George Bent, Mayor of Leicester in 1681 and 1706, who died in 1709.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Dison	0	5	0
Mr. Rower	0	2	6
Mr. Bent	0	1	0
Docter Seaton	0	6	0
	03	03	00

Aprill the 6th: 1686:

The Accompt of John Dann and Edward Broughton Churchwardens Standeth thus

	£	s.	d.
Rec[d] upon three Seuerall double Levies as appears by y[e] bookes	68	02	08½
	whereof		
Disbursed as by particulars appears are	65	07	09½
Supers as appears	01	02	08
Sume is	66	10	05½
Remaines in the Churchwardens hands	01	12	03

The Accompt of W[m] Bunney and John Hewes Collectors for the poore Stands thus

Rec[d] by them upon Seuerall Levies	61	16	01½
Rec[d] of Mr. Langton	00	11	05
charges	62	7	6½
Discharge by paym[ts] and Supers	63	02	10½
charge deduct	62	07	06½
Remaines due to y[e] Accomptants	00	15	04

wee allow these Accompts.

William Deane—Edmund Johnson—John Wilkins—Marmion Gee—John Mason—Richard Hill—Rob Winfeild—Rob: Langton—Joshua Goodrich.

Officers Chosen by the Vestry for the parish of St. Maries the 6th day of Aprill 1686 for ye yeere Ensuinge.

Edward Broughton—John Hewes,	Churchwardens.
Mr. Robert Winfeild—Joshua Guttridg,	Overseers.
Robert Wilkins—John Whipps,	Collectors for the poore.
Wm. Harts—Richard Penny,	Overseers of the high wayes.

William Deane—Edmund Johnson—Marmion Gee—Rich[d] Hill—Robert Winfeild—Rob: Langton—Joshua Goodrich.

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The Accompts of Edward Broughton and John Hewes Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Maries in Leicester for the yeare 1686 as ffolloweth.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} of Mr. Dann the late Churchwarden the ballance of his accompt	01	12	03
Rec^{d} upon one Levie being a quarter and halfe tax dated the 30th of June 1686:	16	01	05
And upon one Levie more dated the 10th day of January 1686 being a quarters tax	10	15	04
And upon one Levie more dated the 24th day of ffebruary 1686 being a two quarters and a halfe tax	26	16	06½
Rec^{d} of Mr. Mawson for breaking Up the ground in the Church for his Sons graue	00	06	08
And of Mrs. Seaton for her husbands grave	00	06	08
And Hannell Langton for his wifes graue	00	06	08
Rec^{d} of Mr. Rower for the breaking Up the ground in the Church for his wifes graue	00	06	08
Sume Totall of the receipts upon this accompt as before mentioned due appeare	56	12	03

Whereof Disbursed as Followeth.

	£	s.	d.
To ye Ringers when I was chosen	00	01	00
To ffred Wyer for his quartridg at Midsomer 86 ..	00	07	02
To the Clerke for his then due	00	01	00
To Richard Orton of Branston for killing two ffoxes ..	00	02	00
To Isaack Pollard wth a Letter of request for a Loss by fire	00	01	00
For makeing of Richard Parsons graue	00	01	00
To John Wilkinson Wm Eyre and George Groce for killing of foure hedghoggs	00	01	04
Paid to the Aparator for notice of the Visitation at Easter	00	01	00
To Mr. Stephens for Court ffees then	00	03	08
ffor a bill then at ye Court	00	00	06
Paid to the Aparator for a Sequestracon of the vicariall tithes	00	02	00
To the Ringers on St. Georges day being ye late Kings Coronation day	00	05	00
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